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Dear Fellow Pioneers:

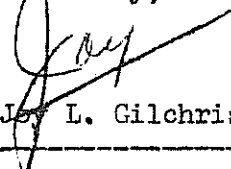
The response to Issue 3 of the Journal was tremendous. Thanks for your compliments and comments. One gentleman said that we have set a high standard and might find it tough to maintain. A lady commented that reading Issue 3 was like reading a good novel and was even more exciting because the stories were true. Still another reader sent congratulations but pointed out some things that could make an even better publication in the future. We appreciate your comments and criticisms and hope that you will continue to tell us what you think. The Journal is not a one person effort and requires the assistance of each of you through submissions of articles and records to maintain the high standard.

You will notice a new look in this "bigger" issue of the Journal. These changes were made in an effort to print more material and to print it at less cost. I purchased a new typewriter when my old one went "on the fritz"; I went with the smaller type to get more words on the page. Franklin Walters, a Hacker-Sleeth descendant who lives in Port Charlotte, Florida, purchased and donated a mimeograph machine to the organization. Although some picture pages have been duplicated by off-set printing, the rest of this issue of The Journal was run on the new machine. Although the quality of the printing is not as good, the savings of doing our own printing will allow us to include more pages and not go over budget.

In the January issue a new letterhead for the Journal was promised. Problems have developed with the printing of the submitted letterhead and it had to be shelved for this issue.

On page 58 is the info about the Second Annual Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Gathering which will be held October 1-2, 1983, at Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp in Lewis County. Bob and Larry Smith, our Site Seekers, have done an excellent job in making arrangements. I'm looking forward to seeing each of you there.

Cordially,



Jay L. Gilchrist

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Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Gathering was organized in October 1982 by and for those interested in the history and genealogy of the Hacker's Creek area. THE HACKER'S CREEK JOURNAL is published quarterly and is the newsletter of the organization.

#### OFFICE EQUIPMENT

The office of HCPD in the basement of the Gilchrist home is developing the look of any well-equipped office. In addition to the built-in desk, Joy's typewriter and two well-stuffed five-tiered shelves, there are the three filing cabinets and the mimeograph machine which belong to HCPD. It is hoped that additional equipment - including a copy machine and an index card file - can shortly be added to our inventory.

A big THANKS to Franklin Walters for his donation of the mimeograph machine. It was in working order and required only a few adjustments by Charlie Gilchrist after he brought it to Ohio when returning from the couple's recent Florida vacation. The savings in the printing costs of each issue by this method will be approximately \$100. for our current membership.

HCPD has been given an opportunity to buy a copy machine, supplies and paper for 20,000 copies from a Salem, Ohio, businessman and fellow-genealogist with roots in Lewis County. The asking price is \$175.

Presently Joy is making copies of the many papers she sends to members as one of the "perks" of her place of employment. This benefit will cease in May when she moves to the Coshocton-Zanesville, Oh., area to be with her recently transferred husband. As you know, it can be a difficult and time-consuming task getting even a few copies made - let alone the volume that is sometimes sent to our members. Copy costs can range from 10¢ to 25¢ each depending on the locality. The cost per copy for the first 20,000 copies with the above mentioned machine would be less than a penny apiece.

Joy and Betty, after consultation with several of the members, are seriously considering the purchase. They would appreciate your comments - pro and con - within the next week or so. If anyone would care to donate a small sum toward the purchase, they are welcome to do so; however, our treasury is in good shape and the savings from the publication of this single issue via the mimeograph will make a big hole in the \$175.

In addition, members would have the use of both machines. Joy and/or her family will gladly mimeograph copies for the members if typed stencils are submitted and a check is sent to cover postage and paper. There are times when each of us has a large copying job to be done; a fee schedule will be worked out to cover the expenses. Write to Joy for details on both.

MEMBERSHIP AND TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 30 Mar 1983 we have 120 paid members and \$  
in our treasury. New members are:

Mr. & Mrs. Clinton F. Myers  
6578 No. Carrollton Ave.  
Indianapolis, Ind. 46220  
Re: Sleeth family - not researching

William J. Morrison  
1411 Lancer Dr.  
Salem, Va 24153  
Re: Morrison family

Mrs. Raymond Allman  
Lakeview Estates - Apt. 303D  
Parkersburg, W. Va. 26104  
Re: Allman, Straley

Reva & Benson Bennett  
105 S. "J" St.  
Indianola, Iowa 50125  
Not researching - just interested  
Reva is Joy's aunt.

Richard Hacker  
1901 Cypress Lane  
Northbrook, IL 60062  
Re: Hacker

Charles R. Harper  
P.O. Box 1  
Red House, W. Va. 25168  
Re: ??? - Board of Dir.  
Kanawha Valley Gen. Soc.

Fred J. Linger  
4 Liberty St.  
Buckhannon, W. Va. 26201  
Re: Linger

Keith Parrish  
524A - 8th St. S.E.  
Washington, D. C. 20003  
Re: Straley, Lantz,  
Hamilton

Marjorie Potesta  
824 E. Park Ave.  
Fairmont, W. Va. 26554  
Re: Wolfe, Straley

Jeanne B. Forney  
4004 Frampton Ct.  
Englewood, Oh 45322  
Re: Starcher, Stalnaker,  
Nutter, Brown, McWhorter,  
Holbert, Wayne (Macklewain),  
Hughes

Helen Frankman  
Rt. 1 Box 485  
Fairmont, W. Va. 26554  
Re: Moore, Snider, Ford

Esther Freeman  
500 W. Jefferson  
Medicine Lodge, Ks 67004

Shirley Googins  
1112 E. Cardinal Dr.  
West Chester, Pa 19380  
Re: Bennett

Mrs. Eleanor Hall  
25526 Cypress St.  
Lomita, Ca 90717

Brenice Linger  
508 Maple Dr.  
Weston, W. Va. 26452  
Re: Childers, Linger

Miss Sandra Moats  
Rt. 1 Box 159  
Harrisville, W. Va. 26362

Edward Oldaker  
737 S. Pico Circle  
Mesa, AZ 85206  
Re: Oldaker from Rover Run,  
Queen

Mrs. R. F. Pringle  
Rt. 3 Box 183  
Weston, W. Va. 26452  
Re: Especially interested  
in Morrison Cemetery

Ruth Flesher Robb  
131 West North Ave.  
Lombard, Il 60148  
Re: Flesher

Robert G. Smith  
Rt. 2 Box 70  
French Creek, W. Va. 26218  
Re: Smith (David), Hacker

Mrs. Ruby Tabott  
1182 Holland Ave. N.E.  
East Canton, Oh 44730  
Re: Sister to Robert Lawson

Phyllis Hall Shingleton  
Cool Spring Farm  
Gerrardstown, W. Va. 25420  
Re: Wm. Hall Sr., Mary Jones  
Samuel Stalnaker, Peter Waggoner

Mrs. Lloyd M. Swartz  
228 Connecting Rd.  
Mt. Lebanon, Pa 15228  
Re: Life

Esther Taylor  
2245 Hewitt  
Oroville, Ca 95965

In some cases no particular family research is indicated. If you will submit those names, we will publish in later issue.

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#### HCPD LIBRARY

HCPD has received the following book donations for the office library:

Some Descendants of Anthony West of Accomack, Virginia  
Elmer D. West (Silver Spring, Md. - 1960). Donated  
by the author.

Marriage Records Harrison County Virginia - (West Virginia)  
1784-1850 Ed. Earle H. Morris (Fort Wayne - 1966)  
Loaned by Winnifred Brown Scott.

Unshur County Marriages 1961-1890

Thanks to the contributors.

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#### PALATINES TO AMERICA

Several Hacker's Creek families had their origins in the Palatinate in Germany. A West Virginia Chapter of Palatines to America is being organized. The organizational meeting will be 16 April 1963 at the Ramada Inn in Morgantown. Interested parties should contact: Edna N. Yost, 414 Fairfax Street, Berkeley Springs, W. Va. 25411.

Morrison Cemetery

The clean-up at Morrison (Old Hacker) is coming along. Bob and Larry Smith spent a Saturday in March burning the brush piles. There is still some brush to be cut.

Maurice Allman, Rt. 2 Box 264 D, Philippi, W. Va. 26416, has "come by" some black walnut saplings to be planted around the perimeter of the cemetery. If anyone would like to help him with this project, please contact him.

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Joy is Moving

14 April 1983 - We learned Monday that we are moving May 1, 1983, to Coshocton, Ohio; although we knew about the move, we thought it would not be until June 1. I attempted to rent a post office box in Coshocton so that I could give you my new address; however, there were none available. Therefore, you may continue to use my Farmington Circle address in Canton and the post office will forward or you may write to me or write to me %Betty Graybill, 2418 Broad Ave NW, Canton, Oh 44708 and she will forward. We're renting for the present because we fear that my husband may be transferred within a year or so and don't want the hassle of selling another home; and, you guessed it, we've not yet found a house. We have one "lined up" but won't know about it, for sure, until next week.

To all of you who are awaiting replies to your letters - please bear with me. I'll answer just as soon as I can. I've spent the past couple of weeks on this issue and house-hunting in Coshocton. As soon as this issue is run off, I must begin packing, sorting and getting ready for the move.

Joy Gilchrist

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To Whom it May Concern

I lost the address on the ones who requested this information. Could you find a place for it in the HCJ. Thank you, Jan Congrove.

HESS, Benjamin H. 1935-1889; HESS, Carrie 1921-1890; HESS, Jeremiah 1900 - 1849; HESS, Vesta 1928-1855. All buried Mt. Rupert Cem. Rt. 33 E fm Buckhannon toward Elkins, Upshur County.

BUNTON, James May 21, 1848 - 49 y

BUNTON, Fanny May 23, 1887 - 79y5m15d

Private forgotten cemetery along Buckhannon River near Sago, Upshur Co.

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2nd ANNUAL HACKER'S CREEK PIONEER DESCENDANTS GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENT! ANNOUNCEMENT! ANN-<sup>u</sup>O--N-CEMENT!!

That little ditty is to herald the announcement of the plans for the Second Annual Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Gathering on Saturday and Sunday, October 1 and 2, at Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp in Lewis County, W. Va.

Robert B. Smith and Son Larry have done a tremendous job of getting some fantastic rates and making some great arrangements. Those of you in attendance at our first Gathering will recall that Jackson's Mill was discussed as a potential sight for this year's Gathering; however, in an effort to determine the best site for the best price, Bob and Larry checked on firehalls, churches, schools and hotels. Bob then went to Jackson's Mill and discussed our needs with the administration there. He came away with what we think is a superb package deal!!

Because several of our people are from out-of-town and do not have relatives in the immediate area and because there are no motels or good restaurants in the immediate area, Bob made arrangements for lodging and meals. We will have our choice - dependant upon the number of people attending - of either the Assembly Hall, which holds 300, or the West Virginia Room, which holds 500+ at no charge provided that 80% of our people partake of a single meal. With a banquet planned for Saturday evening, we believe that we will meet that stipulation. In addition, to get the reduced rates for meals and lodging, we must pay as a group rather than individually; and reservations must be made by July 1, 1983.

Those who plan to come from out-of-town will have their choice of staying in the lodge which is of Holiday Inn quality with a TV in each room or of staying in the cottages if they wish to bring their families. Reservations may also be made for Friday night.

Local participants may choose to stay at their homes and partake of one or more meals. Meals will be served cafeteria style in the dining hall.

There will be a \$2 registration fee for all participants to cover program cost, banquet speaker and other miscellaneous items. Non-members of HCPD may attend; only dues-paying members will have voting privileges.

The tentative schedule for the weekend's activities:

Saturday, October 1, 1983:

- 9 a.m. - Registration and assignment of lodging\*
- 11 a.m. - Gathering of the Clans - Meeting hall
- 12 noon - Lunch in the dining hall
- 1:30 p.m. - Small group meetings - the categories have not been decided
- 3 p.m. - Free time - The opportunity to get together with others of your family and exchange information and ideas. A copy machine will be available.



- 5:30 p.m. - Vacate meeting hall so it may be used for the evening by another organization.
- 6:30 p.m. - Banquet in dining hall. There will be a speaker and some musical entertainment. 80% of the group must participate.

Sunday, October 2, 1983:

- 8 a.m. - Breakfast in dining hall.
- 9 a.m. - Interdenominational Church Services. We hope to be able to use the All Faith Chapel at the Mill.
- 10:15a.m. - Late registration for those participating on Sunday only - Meeting hall. Fee will remain \$2.
- 10:30a.m. - Tour of Hacker's Creek. Arrangements to be announced.
- 12noon - Lunch in dining hall
- 1:30p.m. - Business meeting - Meeting hall
- 3 p.m. - Free time - The opportunity to get together with others of your family and exchange information and ideas.
- 5 p.m. - Adjournment

To save confusion, I'll not report what the original base price for the use of the meeting hall and other facilities was; I'll only say that by making the arrangements and paying as a group we are getting a large savings. I think those of you who have attended conventions elsewhere will agree. Remember, you do not have to stay at the Mill in order to participate; however, we must have 80% participation at the banquet on Saturday night.

#### Rates

1. Lodge (Holiday Inn quality with TV in each room)  
Single - \$25.00; Double, \$16.00 each person; 3 to a room, \$44.00 each person; 4 to a room, \$12.00 each person.
2. Dormitory - use of cottages for families  
Adults - \$8.50 each; Youth under 12, \$3.75 each
3. Meals - Group served in cafeteria at specified times
  - a. Breakfast: Adults - \$2.75 each; Youth under 12 - \$2.25 each
  - b. Lunch: Adults - \$      each; Youth under 12 - \$2.75 each
  - c. Dinner 9 Banquet on Saturday night)  
Adults - \$4.25 each; Youth under 12 - \$3.25 each.

The advantage to the package is that each person may choose his or her own options that best fit their needs. A reservation form is attached to the front cover of your Journal. Check the options that you will need and return your registration and reservation to Betty Graybill, 2418 Broad Avenue NW, Canton, Oh 44708, no later than July 1, with a check or money order for the amount. Cancellations with refund will be accepted until September 17, 1983.

## FIRST FAMILIES

This issue's featured first family is the Sleeth Family. Material for this column was submitted by Lolita Guthrie, Ann Newman, Robert B. Smith, Mrs. Dewey Osborne and Joy Gilchrist. Additional material was found in the files of J.W. Smith which are in possession of Howard Smith.

### Truths and Traditions

Among the first party of prospective settlers led to the pleasant dales of Buckhannon by the Pringle brothers were Alexander and Thomas Sleeth. With John Jackson and his two sons, George and Edward, they had come to the Buckhannon Valley to clear land, plant crops and build cabins and make other preparations to bring their families to the area.<sup>1</sup>

### Lord Leith ????

Many traditions surround the John Sleeth family; some can be proven and some cannot. One of the traditions concerns the derivation of the Sleeth family and their descent from Lord Leith, a Scottish warlord who, it's said, fell out of favor with the British crown following the Battle of Culloden on 16 Apr 1746, took refuge in Ireland and then came to America arriving in Philadelphia on 11 September 1747<sup>2</sup>; another source says the family arrived in New York City in September 1719<sup>3</sup>; and Anna Sleeth Stover in her manuscript reprinted in this issue has the family arriving a few weeks before Alexander Sleeth's birth in New York in 1750.

A professional genealogist researched this family in Scotland with his fees paid by an Upshur County, W. Va., Sleeth family descendant. The researcher was unable to find any truth in the tradition; he found the genealogy of the Lord Leith line remains unbroken since some time before 1740.

### Arrival in America

Search of ships' passenger lists in the Passenger and Immigration Lists Index<sup>4</sup> has not pinpointed any Sleeth/Leith or any of its varied spellings arriving in either 1719 or 1747. A James Sleet, no age given, arrived (where??), bound for Orange County, Virginia, in

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<sup>1</sup>Smith, Edward Conrad. A History of Lewis County, West Virginia, Weston, The Author, 1920. pg. 33.

<sup>2</sup>Roberts, Eloise M. Four Revolutionary Soldiers and Their Descendants. Avard, Ok., The Author, 1924. pg. 19.

<sup>3</sup>Smith, J.W. "Ancestry of the Hacker-Smith Families" 1956. pg 3-6.

<sup>4</sup>Chadwick, ????. Chadwick's History of Shelby County, Indiana, ???, ???, ??? pg. 549 - Page in information obtained from Lolita Guthrie.

<sup>4</sup>Filby, P. Wm., Meyer, Mary K. 3 Volumes. Detroit, Mi., Gale Research Co., 1981.

1750<sup>5</sup>; and an Alexander Leith arrived in Annapolis, Md., in 1760; a John Leith and Joseph Sleath were found in English Convicts in Colonial America - London 1656-1775, as arriving in America in 1768.<sup>6</sup> There was none of any spelling of the name to arrive at anytime near 1719.

Since these old family traditions usually are truer than fiction, it's fairly certain that the Sleeths were of Scottish origin and were in Ireland for a time where a daughter Margaret was born in 1747. Margaret (Sleath) Hacker's tombstone says the family came to America in 1748.<sup>7</sup>

#### Given Name of Progenitor

While the Sleeth name has had varied spellings in official records including Sleath, Sleith and Sleet in addition to Sleeth, controversy has surrounded the given name of the Sleeth family progenitor in West Virginia - that is, the father of Margaret (Sleeth) Hacker, Alexander Sleeth Sr., John Sleeth Jr., Jane (Sleeth) Hughes, and David Wallace Sleeth. Other siblings may have been Thomas Sleeth and James Sleeth. Supporting the statement that Thomas Sleeth was a brother are the facts that Thomas did come to Hacker's Creek with Alexander and others and that John and Margaret (Sleeth) Hacker named a son Thomas Sleeth.

Eloise Roberts in her work<sup>8</sup> gave the father's name as Alexander; J. W. Smith in his Hacker-Smith work gave his name as either William or Alexander; and Anna (Sleeth) Stover said he was John. The preponderance of evidence indicates that the parents of these children were John and Mary (Ann?) (Wallac?) Sleeth.

One good clue is found in the names of the grandchildren of John and Mary Sleeth. Traditionally, a first son was named for the paternal grandfather, the second son was named for the maternal grandfather and the third son would be named for the father. Later sons would generally be named after various members of both parent's families or close friends. The same method held true for members of the female gender.

John and Margaret (Sleeth) Hacker followed this tradition and named their first child, a daughter, Mary Ann, probably after her p. g. mother; the second child, a son, they called William after his paternal grandfather; and the third child, another son, they called John. They did name a child Alexander but only after they also had a Jonathan David/Daniels.

Alexander Sleeth Sr. named his first son John, probably for his paternal grandfather; and his first daughter he called Mary for her paternal grandmother. His second son, who was born to his second wife Nancy Smith, was named David after the second wife's father, David Smith. Finally, the third son was named Alex<sup>at</sup> P. Sleeth

<sup>5</sup>Ibid.

<sup>6</sup>Ibid.

<sup>7</sup>"Hacker's Creek Journal", Vol. I, Iss. 3, pg44.

<sup>8</sup>Four Revolutionary Soldiers and Their Descendants

Juner after himself not Alexander III as he would have been called had he been named for Alexander Sleeth Sennr.'s father.<sup>9</sup>

The names of only two children of John Sleeth Jr. are known- Mary and David. Whether these were the only children of this man is not known; thus, we cannot use the children of John Sleeth Jr. for comparison.

Jane Sleeth married Elias/Ellis Hughes; among their children were no Alexanders. However, there was a John.<sup>11</sup>

The children of David Wallace Sleeth were thirteen in number. Since the birthorder of all the children, and especially their sons John and Alexander is unknown, no deductions can be made in this respect.<sup>12</sup> Proof that David was of this family of Sleeths is in his Revolutionary War Pension Application in which David Wallace Sleeth, speaking of himself, said, "His father's Bible is now in the hands of David Smith of this county and who married the daughter of the declarant's oldest sister."<sup>13</sup> David Smith married Sarah Hacker, daughter of John and Margaret (Sleeth) Hacker.<sup>14</sup>

This reasoning could be carried one step further. If John Sleeth Sr. named his children in the traditional way, his mother's name would have been Margaret and his father would have been Alexander. If this was the case and if Alexander Sleeth, father of John Sleeth Sr., came to America, this could have been the cause of some of the disagreement among descendants as to the name of the original immigrant.

Further records supporting John Sleeth Senior as the progenitor of the Sleeth clan of Hacker's Creek are found in the Minute Books of Harrison County, now West Virginia, which was formed in 1784. These were found recorded for that year:

"John Sleeth Senior be exempted from the payment of all personal taxes and labouring the highway.

John Sleeth recommended to his excellency the Governor to fill the office of the peace of said county.

John Sleeth appt. to celebrate the rights of matrimony, the first complying with the law."<sup>15</sup>

Also starting in 1785, we find him listed as a Gent. Justice.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>9</sup>Old Sleeth Bible, this issue.

<sup>10</sup>Newman, Ann. Letter to Joy Gilchrist, March 1983.

<sup>11</sup>Roberts, *Ibid.* pg. 30.

<sup>12</sup>Newman, *Ibid.*

<sup>13</sup>National Archives Pension Records, Film #0825 and #0826. David Wallace Sleeth.

<sup>14</sup>"Hacker's Creek Journal", Vol. 1, Issue 3, pg. 19.

<sup>15</sup>Newman, *Ibid.*; Harrison County Minute Book 1.

<sup>16</sup>*Ibid.*

These records were found in the Survey books of Harrison County:

"John Sleath Sr., 400 acres on Hackers Creek adjoining lands of John Hacker to include his settlement made in 1777."<sup>17</sup>

"John Sleeth, Senior, and Mary, his wife, sold land to David Wallace Sleeth; 346 acres of land on Hackers Creek, including John Sleeth's settlement made in the year 1777."<sup>18</sup>

The survey records included this curious statement:

"David Sleath, 200 acres on Hackers Creek adjoining lands of Samuel Bonnett to include his settlement made in 1770."<sup>19</sup>

David Wallace Sleeth appears to answer this last record and the mention of the name of David in it when he made his pension declaration in 1832 when he said, "His father had a cabin and acquired the settlement rights. David himself did not acquire the settlement right, he was too young."<sup>20</sup>

In 1794 John Sleeth was recommended to fill the office of Sheriff for the county. He served the year 1793, was recommended to serve another year and was unable to obtain security. In July 1794, reference is made to John Sleeth, late Sheriff.<sup>21</sup>

Although there were two John Sleeths - Senior and Junior - in the area part of the time, these references all appear to have been to John Sleeth Sr. He lived in the area the entire time while John Jr. was gone much of the time.

Anna (Fletcher) (Sleeth) Parsons, aged 85, testified in 1846 that she had married John Sleith (Jr.) in 1777-1778 with a Baptist preacher, Joseph Redding, officiating in a fort somewhere in present-day Lewis County and that shortly thereafter they had moved to the South Branch of the Potomac. She further stated that:

"John Sleith had gone out from Pendleton, then Augusta County, Virginia, as a substitute for a man named Mouse,

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<sup>17</sup>Smith, Robert B. "Extracts of Land Certificates Issued in 1781 by the Commissioner to Settlers of Lands in Monongalia Co., Jan. 1983. pg. 3.  
<sup>18</sup>Harrison County Deed Book 1, Page 212; Newman, Ibid.  
<sup>19</sup>Smith, Robert B., Ibid.  
<sup>20</sup>National Archives, Ibid.; Newman, Ibid.  
<sup>21</sup>Newman, Ibid.

and enlisted in Armand's Legion of Dragoons.<sup>22</sup> He was at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, work trooper's clothes, had a troop horse, sword and pistols."<sup>23</sup>

After John Jr.'s Service, they lived on Jackson River in Bath County, Virginia, before returning to Clarksburg and Lewis County, residing but a few years at any one place until his death in 1793 or 1794.<sup>24</sup> He died in the Fall of 1794.<sup>25</sup>

It might be argued that the reference made to "John Sleeth, late Sheriff" in July 1794 is John Jr. This is doubtful since Anna (Flesher) Sleeth did not come into Harrison County Court until October 1794 and apply for George Jackson to be made Administrator to her late husband's estate.<sup>26</sup> His estate inventory was filed 25 Oct 1794.<sup>27</sup> She would not have waited this long to apply for settlement and/or inventory of his estate.

#### Maiden Name of Mary Sleeth

Since no marriage record or any other record which shows Mary Sleeth's maiden name has been found, her maiden name has been based on the supposition that the younger son, David Wallace Sleeth was named for his maternal grandfather.

Two spellings have been used for David's middle name - "Wales" and "Wallace." The former spelling would have been pronounced with a soft "a" not a long "a" and with two syllables as in "Wallace". These two different spellings have led to some confusion in the family history.

#### Trek to Hacker's Creek

Since no specific date of immigration to America for this family has been found and proven, the family's arrival in Virginia and its movements there must be based upon some traditions and a very few facts.

Tradition says that the Sleeth family came directly to the Shenandoah Valley upon their arrival<sup>28</sup>; another source says they lived in eastern Virginia around Dumfries in Prince William

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<sup>22</sup> 19 October 1781.

<sup>23</sup> Johnston, Ross B. West Virginians in the American Revolution. Parkersburg, West Augusta Historical and Genealogical Society, 1959.

<sup>24</sup> Newman, Ibid.; Anna (Flesher) (Sleeth) Parsons Pension Application, National Archives.

<sup>25</sup> Johnston, Ibid.; Newman, Ibid.

<sup>26</sup> Newman, Ibid.

<sup>27</sup> Johnston, Ross B. West Virginia Estate Settlements. Baltimore, Md., Genealogical Publishing Co., 1977. Pg. 125.

<sup>28</sup> Smith, J. W., Ibid. pg. 6.

County<sup>29</sup>; a third reference explores the possibility that they settled in Orange County which is considered part of the Shenandoah.

The Will of Weeden Sleet of Orange County, Va., dated April 1773, names among others, his brother, John Sleet, as Exor. In addition, a John Sleet was witness in a trial in Augusta County, Va., 21 Nov 1766; and John was paid for traveling 78 miles from Orange County, Virginia.<sup>30</sup> It has not been proved that this is the same John Sleeth/Sleet who settled in Central West Virginia.

In a sworn statement by David W. Sleeth in 1832, he said he was born in Frederick County, Virginia in 1762.<sup>31</sup> This would place the Sleeth family in the same area as the Hacker and other early Hacker's Creek pioneers prior to their removal to the South Branch and would lend credence to the supposition that most of "our" early pioneers were at least acquainted before they began their trek Westward.

The date that John Sleeth Sr. moved his family, including his wife and children who remained at home, from the South Branch to Hacker's Creek can be approximated. The traditional date of 1770 which probably referred to the date that Alexander and Thomas Sleeth came with the Pringles is supported by the David Sleeth Survey record found in the Harrison County Survey Books. (See Footnote 19.) However, David W. Sleeth's pension documents place the date at 1776.<sup>32</sup> That the Sleeths were in the area by 1777 is a proven fact. (See Footnotes 17 and 18.)

#### John Sleeth Sr. - The Man

Not much information is available to describe what John Sleeth Sr. was like as a person. We know he could read and write for he was appointed in June 1785 by the Harrison County Court to make a list of all those residing "from the mouth of Lost Creek, upwards, including the whole of the livers in the West Fork Settlement."<sup>33</sup> His list of 45 persons names the following:

Alex West	Jacob Harrison	Elizabeth
Matthew Richards	James Sleeth	John Runyon
Conrad Richards	Thomas Doyle McCune	Joseph Kester

<sup>29</sup> Chadwick, Ibid.

<sup>30</sup> Chalkley, man. Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia. (3 volumes) Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co. reprint. Orig. 1912.; Newman, Ibid.

<sup>31</sup> National Archives, Ibid.; Newman, Ibid.

<sup>32</sup> Ibid.

<sup>33</sup> Smith, Edward Conrad, Ibid., pp. 89-90.

Samuel Norris	John Huggle	John Sleeth
Ebenezer Haley	Henry Flesher	Adam Bush
Samuel Bonet	Christen Harrison	Joseph _____
Joseph Crozan	Jesse Huse (Hughes)	Isaac _____
Thomas Hughes	Alex. Sleeth	James Tanner
Daniel Cane	George Collins	John Collins
James Campbell	Edmund West, Constable	George Brush (Bush)
John Brown	Adam O'Brien	John Hacker
Jacob Cozad	Elias Huse (Hughes)	Richard Clark
John Waggoner	William Hannan	Edmond West
Jacob Bush	David Wales Sleeth	Joel Lowther <sup>34</sup>
Abraham _____		

John Sleeth Sr. was a respected man in his community. He was the first of the hundreds of justices and ministers who have, to this day, been certified to perform marriages in Harrison County. Strangely, only one marriage, that of Henry Runyon to Mary (Bush) Hegle, a widow<sup>35</sup>, on 11 October 1784 is recorded as being performed by him.<sup>36</sup>

He would have been a man who respected law and order for he served as sheriff. Justice, as performed in those days, was often harsh as judged by our modern day standards. It must be remembered that in those days, survival sometimes meant a trust and dependence upon one's neighbors; and, when that trust was broken, justice was swift and demanding.

The little that is known about the wife of John Sleeth Sr. and the mother of his children appears in the Anna (Sleeth) Stover manuscript in this issue.

#### Children and Grandchildren of John and Mary (Ann?) (Wallace) Sleeth

Margaret Sleeth - Wife of John Hacker and mother of eleven children. While the Hacker family has not been featured in the Journal to date, so much information has been published about them that the family story is well known. Mary Ann (Hacker) West, while still a new bride, was slain and scalped by the Indians in 1787; another daughter, Elizabeth (Hacker) Hardman, died in 1811 as the results of a scalping she received the same day. Descendants of seven of the ten children who left heirs are members of HCPD. Plans have been made to feature the Hackers in an issue of Volume II of "The Hacker's Creek Journal."

Alexander Sleeth Sr. - The descendants of this son of John and Mary are primarily in Indiana and points further West. One

<sup>34</sup>Ibid.

<sup>35</sup>Scott, Winifred Brown. Note in Marriage Records Harrison County, W. Va.

<sup>36</sup>Morris, Earle H. Marriage Records Harrison County, Virginia - (West Virginia), Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne Public Library, 1966. pg. 9.



of the first pioneers to come to the Hacker's Creek area, he and his family were also among the early emigrants from there. The story of Alexander, his family and their migration is in the Anna (Sleeth) Stover manuscript in this issue.

John Sleeth Jr. - Was born about 1757, probably in Virginia, and came to Hacker's Creek with his parents. In 1777-1778 he married Ann (Nancy) Flesher, b. ca 1761, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Staats) Flesher, in a fort somewhere in present-day Lewis County. This unnamed fort was probably Wests Fort; David Wallace Sleeth in his pension application in 1834 said that his father John Sr. was at Wests Fort in those years. John Jr. was most likely there also.<sup>37</sup> It was on Henry Flesher's land that the town of Weston was begun.

1777-1778 were the years that marked the beginnings of the Indian attacks against the Hacker's Creek settlements. Records show that most of the settlements in what is now Lewis County were abandoned as a result of these attacks - the Flesher settlement at Weston, the Hacker's Creek settlement and a few clearings farther down the West Fork were the only exceptions.

The story of the John Sleeth Jr. family movements up to his death in 1794 at the young age of 42 have been covered. As earlier stated, only two children from this marriage have definitely been identified: Mary and David.

Sometime after Anna (Nancy) (Flesher) Sleeth's marriage to Charles Parsons, a widower (?), 30 August 1796<sup>38</sup>, the Parsons family moved to Jackson County, (W.) Va., where Charles Parsons died 4 Nov 1823.<sup>39</sup>

The Parsons were not without family and friends from Hacker's Creek in Jackson County. Andrew and Elizabeth Flesher, Anna's brother and sister-in-law, were residents and filed supporting documents in Anna's behalf when she applied for pension benefits in 1846.<sup>40</sup> Other Hacker's Creek families were also residents of the Jackson County area and ancestors of several HCPD members.

Mary Sleeth, daughter of John and Anna, was wed to George Parsons 31 Dec 1801 in a marriage recorded in Harrison County. Mary was a ward of Charles Parsons.<sup>41</sup>

The only record found to date on David Sleeth, the son of John and Anna, is in the will of his grandfather, Henry Flesher, where he is named as a grandson. The will was dated 26 Nov 1802.<sup>42</sup>

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<sup>37</sup>Newman, Ibid.

<sup>38</sup>Morris, Ibid. pg. 24.

<sup>39</sup>Newman, Ibid.

<sup>40</sup>National Archives, Ibid.

<sup>41</sup>Morris, Ibid., pg. 37.

<sup>42</sup>Newman, Ibid.

Jane Sleeth - This daughter was born about 1760; sometime before 1781 she married Elias/Ellis Hughes, a noted Indian fighter and scout in the early days.

Elias was the son of Thomas Hughes Sr. and was born in Hardy County. He came to Harrison County when but a boy, in 1770, and was second only to his brother, Jesse Hughes, in his prowess as an Indian Scout.<sup>43</sup>

Like the Hacker story, the Hughes story is widely known. A short section in an article on the Sleeth family would not begin to do this family justice. Since a featured article is planned for the future, we'll list only the bare facts here.

Jane and Elias Hughes were the parents of twelve children. In 1797 the family left Harrison County, (W.) Va., and went to Licking County, Ohio. In 1798 they became the first permanent white settlers of what is now Licking County with their settlement at Bowling Green. Jane died in 1827 and Elias about 1845.<sup>44</sup>

David Wallace Sleeth - David declared in his pension application in 1832 that he was born 18 May 1762 in Frederick County, Virginia.<sup>45</sup> By 1785 this son of John and Mary (Wallace) Sleeth Sr. had married Catherine Carpenter, daughter of Nicholas and Mary (Wolfe) Carpenter.<sup>46</sup> Nicholas Carpenter was one of the West Fork River boys who held office in the newly formed Harrison County in 1784; he served as coroner.<sup>47</sup> Cemetery records in the West Virginia Collection, West Virginia University, show that Catherine (Carpenter) Sleeth was buried in the Old Pioneer's Cemetery at Butchersville, W. Va.<sup>48</sup> when she died in Lewis County 17 June 1828 at the age of 60. Her stone cannot be found. David and Catherine had thirteen children.

Margaret Sleeth - married Cornelius Cain 5 July 1804.<sup>49</sup>

Mary Sleeth - b. 11 April 1785 and d. 9 Oct. 1864, buried in the Waldeck Cemetery. She m. Henry Waldeck 27 Apr 1800 in a marriage recorded in Harrison County, when Henry was 40 and she was 15. Henry Waldeck was a Hessian soldier who elected to stay in this country after the Revolutionary War. He was born 17 Jan 1758 in Immenhausen, Hesse, Germany, a son of Gernand and Anna Martha (Nolten) Waldeck; he died in Lewis County in August 1834. Henry was a widower when he married Mary Sleeth having been

<sup>43</sup>Roberts, Ibid. pg. 28-30.

<sup>44</sup>Ibid.

<sup>45</sup>National Archives, Ibid.; Newman, Ibid.

<sup>46</sup>Newman, Ibid.

<sup>47</sup>Davis, Dorothy Upton. History of Harrison County, West Virginia. Clarksburg, American Association of University Women, 1970.

<sup>48</sup>Newman, Ibid.

<sup>49</sup>Morris, Ibid. pg. 29.

married previously to Mrs. Rebecca Evans.<sup>50</sup> Mary Sleeth and Henry Waldeck's grandson, Henry Waldeck Moneygus, became the great grandfather of Ann Newman, a contributor of a large portion of the material in this article.

Nicholas C. Sleeth - m. Catherine Collins 16 Mar 1815 in a marriage recorded in Harrison County as performed by William Hacker.<sup>51</sup>

David Wallace Sleeth, Jr. - B. 25 Dec 1796; m. (1) Nancy Lyman who was b. 1807<sup>52</sup> and d. 17 Sept 1842 and interred in Harmony Cemetery. (2) Elizabeth Prince.<sup>53</sup>

Alexander K. Sleeth - b. 28 February 1797 m. Catherine Woolf/Wolfe, daughter of David Woolf, 30 June 1817. John Davis wed the couple.<sup>54</sup>

Henry Waldeck Sleeth - b. 11 Oct 1800 m. Mary Wyant 18 Nov 1821 with William Hacker officiating and the ceremony recorded in Lewis County.<sup>55</sup>

Thomas Jackson Sleeth - b. 12 Jan 1807, m. (1) Susan Bridley and (2) Mary Whiting. Mary later married Edmund Messenger.<sup>56</sup>

Sarah McCally Sleeth - m. Henry Wyant 20 June 1816 in marriage recorded in Harrison County as being performed by William Hacker.<sup>57</sup> Morris' record of marriages in Harrison County gives the date as 15 June 1816.<sup>58</sup>

Catherine Sleeth - m. Samuel Erannon 12 July 1821.

George Washington Sleeth - m. Ruliana/Ruhama McWhorter 28 May 1839.<sup>59</sup>

Nancy Sleeth - b. 1812; m. Allen Simpson 3 Nov 1831.<sup>60</sup>

Jane Sleeth - m. Henry Stallman.<sup>61</sup>

John Sleeth - m. Elizabeth Wolfe 28 Oct 1818, moved to Shelby Co., Ind. Mrs. Newman, who submitted this list of children for David W. and Catherine (Carpenter) Sleeth, is not positive on the assignment of this child; her evidence suggests it.<sup>62</sup>

After the death of Catherine, David Wallace Sleeth remarried. He chose Mrs. Susannah (Bush) Simpson, widow of Robert Simpson and daughter of Jacob Bush. J. Talbot married them 5 April 1834 and recorded the marriage in Lewis County. The date is given as 4 April 1834 on the Lewis County Historic Records Survey.

<sup>50</sup> Newman, Ibid.

<sup>51</sup> Morris, Ibid., pg. 87.; Newman, Ibid.

<sup>52</sup> Graybill, Betty. Harmony Cemetery Record. 1982.

<sup>53</sup> Newman, Ibid.

<sup>54</sup> Ibid.

<sup>59</sup> Ibid.

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<sup>62</sup> Ibid.

<sup>58</sup> Ibid.

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There was no issue.<sup>63</sup>

David Wallace Sleeth dated his first pension application for his Revolutionary Service as a scout and spy during the war 11 August 1832. Evidently he was turned down and had to submit further documents proving this service, as on 29 July 1834 he stated, "He was 73 years old and born in Frederick County, Virginia, and removed to now Lewis county in 1776. While in service he was put out as a scout and spy. The Indian depredations upon us killed five from the First of March to December (1777 or 1778). His father lived in Wests Forts. His father had a cabin and acquired the settlement rights. David himself did not acquire the settlement right, he was too young."<sup>64</sup>

Other early settlers who made statements in behalf of David Wallace Sleeth were:

Elias Hughes on 20 Dec 1838 from the State of Ohio, Licking County.

Elizabeth Butcher on 4 June 1836, State of Virginia, Lewis County, stated she was the widow of Paulus Butcher, her age about 86 or 87 years.<sup>65</sup>

Pheby Cunningham on 1 June 1836, State of Virginia, Lewis County, stated she was the widow of Thomas Cunningham and was age 76 years.

John Cutright said on 27 May 1836 in State of Virginia, Lewis county, that he was 81 years old.<sup>66</sup>

David Wallace Sleeth died 28 June 1839 in Gilmer County, now West Virginia. He is supposedly buried on the Farnsworth farm. No stone has been found.<sup>67</sup>

Thomas Sleeth (?) - No data available.

#### The Sleeths Today

Many Sleeth family members and descendants still reside in the Lewis County-Harrison County, W. Va., area today. Descendants married into many of the early pioneer families.

In an article published May 20 and 27, 1934, in the Clarksburg, W. Va., "Exponent-Telegram", Mr. Ray Vernon Sleeth wrote:

"With exceptions, the members of the different family groups since the Civil War have been Republicans. Of

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<sup>63</sup>Newman, Ibid.

<sup>64</sup>National Archives, Ibid.; Newman, Ibid.

<sup>65</sup>Elizabeth (Bush) Butcher, widow of Paulser. Some of their children had married children of Henry and Elizabeth (Staats) Flesher and were in-laws to Anna (Flesher) (Sleeth) Parsons, the sister-in-law of David Wallace Sleeth.

<sup>66</sup>National Archives, Ibid.; Newman, Ibid.

<sup>67</sup>Newman, Ibid.

Scottish origin, the pioneer Sleeths were Knox Presbyterians, but generally now their descendants are Methodist Episcopalians. As a rule, they typify their forebears in frugality, industry and success in whatever they undertake, and are contributors to the general progress of the country."

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Alexander Sleeth died in Fayette County, May 14, 1820, and was buried there. The son, David, is the line of descent for us to follow.

He was born in Virginia (he was my grandfather) August 29, 1783. He married Jane Young, daughter of Andrew Young and wife. He moved to Ohio, ~~Dart~~ county, where a son Andrew Reed (my father) Sleeth was born. There were three little daughters, "Syntha", Harriette and "Evaline", all older than the son.

My father has told me that his parents moved from Ohio to Indiana when he was two months old, which settles the fact, conclusively, that the Sleeth family moved to Indiana in November 1819. Here, in Fayette county, Alexander Sleeth died May 14, 1820. Grandfather David Sleeth, the son, started out hunting land to enter in the spring of 1820. He located a tract in Shelby county near where Fountaintown is now, and another near where Fairland is located now, and one on the south side, and right near Blue River in Marion Township, Shelby county, five miles north of Shelbyville, the county seat, and one mile north of where the village of Marion stands.

This tract he decided to make his homestead. He went to the Land Office and recorded his entry papers.

He returned to make preparations for moving his family. He found the tribe of Delaware Indians in possession, with their camp located just where he wished to erect his buildings and they refused to leave unless paid to do so. Grandfather's practiced eye told him that only fertile soil would grow such timber as it had produced, maple and black walnut in abundance. He decided to pay the Indians to vacate. He began at once clearing ground on which to erect his log

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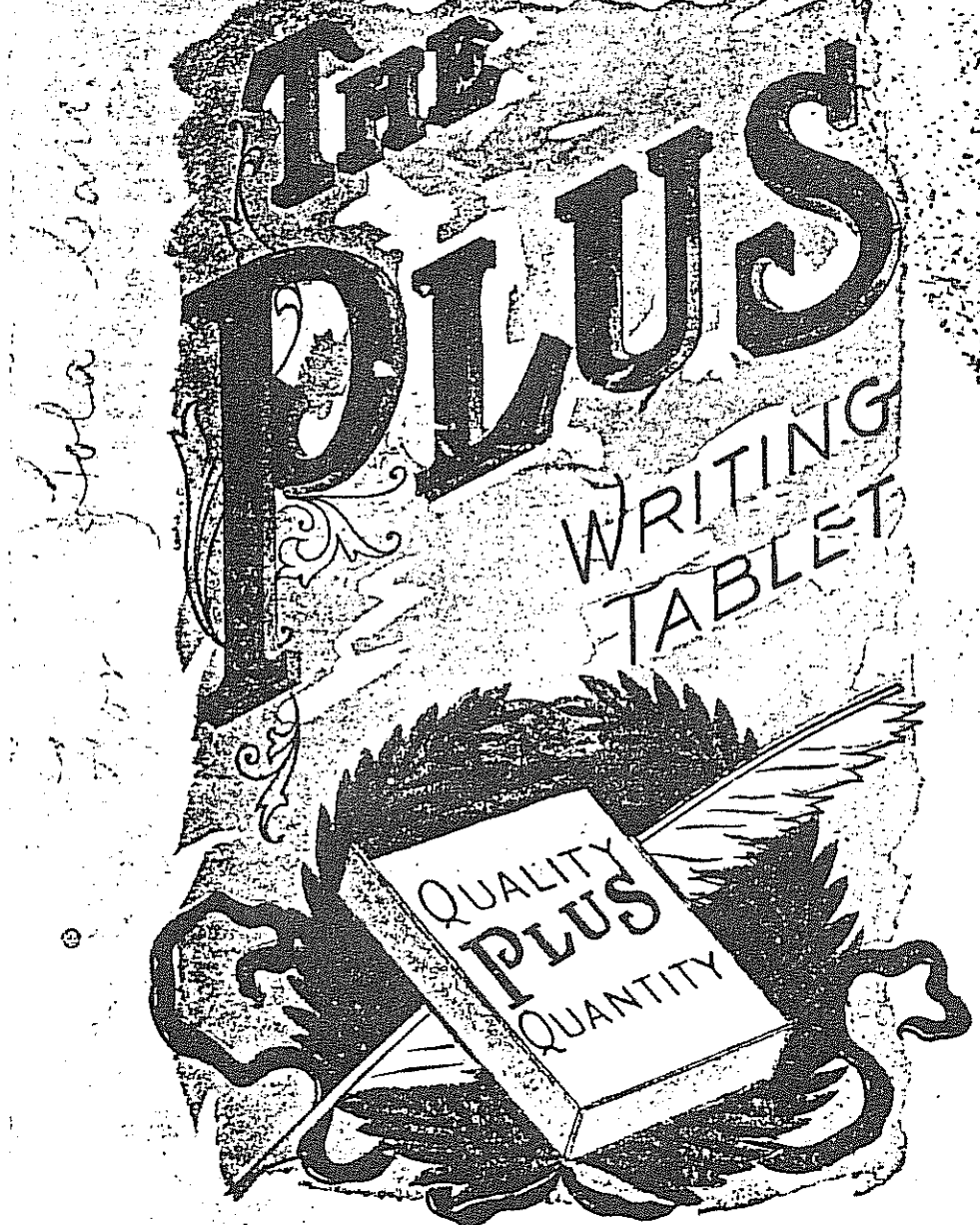
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For Catherine Hanger  
Fisher when I am  
done with it  
Love Ann

when did David S.  
and family, many

cabin and barn, dug a well and made other preparations for the comfort of his family. He went back to Fayette co. in late summer to move his family to the new home but before he could accomplish this he suffered another attack of his old enemy "white swelling", lingered till the next spring, dying April 16, 1821, and was buried on White Water, Fayette Co., Ind. He realized he could never recover and willed 100 acres of land, on the west-side of his home tract to his brother William (Sallie Robins' father) so that he could build a home and live near grandmother to help her in a business way, and with the children, she being compelled to move to the new home as their money was invested there. Other Sleeth families came and located near.

I've heard grandmother tell what a stupendous task it was to clear the trash away that the Indians had left on their old camping grounds. It was very evident that they had manufactured maple syrup. The family noticed a deep path leading to the east and following it they discovered it lead to a fine spring of water on the hillside, about a quarter of a mile east. It has been said Indians "walk single file" and the depth and narrowness of the path showed it certainly had been the manner of walking in this path.

I will now give the religious character of this house. Grandmother had been raised in the Presbyterian faith, but after her marriage into the Sleeth family, who were Methodists, transferred her membership to that church. Pioneer preachers often came horseback, hunting new settlements, when they inquired for Methodists, would be directed to her house and were entertained there. They would decide when they would preach there at her house. Parties would be notified, including neighboring settlements. My father said he would be put on a horse to take the notice around when he was so small his legs would stick almost straight out while he was astried the horse. Grandmother always led the singing.

I've heard my mother say that grandmother, in her sleep, would sing a verse of some hymn through. The first Methodist Class ever organized in Shelby county was called "Sleeths Class" and was organized at her house.

A history of this class can be found in Rev. George L. Curtis' "History of Methodism in Shelby County". Rev. Curtis came to father's house and spent an afternoon with father, getting information for his book, "first hand".

I remember the names of a few of the preachers, as follows - James Havens, Asa Shinn, Anos Sparks and David Stivers. David Stivers came back and preached her funeral. She died in 1856 on the farm where she settled, 1819.

She was buried in the Marion cemetery, Marion township, Shelby county. The son, Andrew, inheriting this home.

The oldest daughter, "Syntha", married a man named Hemsley Seney. They moved to Missouri before the Civil War. The daughter Harriett married James Johnson and lived near Boggstown, Sugar Creek township. The third daughter married Thomas Hacker and lived near where Fairland is now. She died in early life leaving one son. Andrew Reed Sleeth, the youngest, married Sarah Myers, November 19, 1837. She was born in Green Co., Pennsylvania, February 16, 1820. Her father, Peter Myer, was of German descent, son of John Henry Myer, and wife Anne Charity Wire. His wife (Peter Myer's wife) was Susannah Bardell, daughter of John Bardell, of English descent, and wife, Sarah Bailey of French extraction.

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The Myer family moved from Pennsylvania to Indiana in 1830, stopping for a short time in the edge of Rush co., moving later to what is known as "The German Settlement", south of Ray's Crossing. They lived there one winter. He later bought a home near where "Blue River Church and Cemetery" are located. His two oldest sons, John and Charles, hired to other farmers and the daughter Sarah, my mother, helped grandfather clear land. Her father would stack the heaviest pieces of wood and she would carry brush and pile onto keep the fire burning. I've heard her tell about it. She said she would take the Testament to the clearing, it was all the "reading book" she had, after getting her brush piles burning nicely, she would sit on a stump and study the testament, trying to learn to read, till her brush piles needed stirring.

I will now tell of the first school father - Andrew Reed Sleeth attended. It was a quarter mile southeast of their cabin home on Blue River. It was built of split logs, the ends notched to fit together so the crevices would not be so wide, these were filled with clay "daubin" as it was called. For windows, two short logs that did not meet had greased paper fastened over them to let light in and keep out the cold. Of course they could have as many such as was needed. The floor was of split logs called "puncheons", they were layed close together and staked so they wouldn't slip. The seats were split logs smoothed off as well as they could with their rude tools, pegs were driven in the logs for leggs. There were no desks, except for those learning to write. There desks were split logs layed on pegs that were driven into the wall. It would extend full length of the room. Their pens were made of goose quills and their ink of the juice of barks and roots boiled down. Their studies were, I suppose,

"Readin' and writin'  
And 'rithmetic,  
Taught to the tune  
Of a hickory stick;"

but, I've heard father tell of a grammar and spelling book.

I must not forget to describe the fireplace for it was the crowning glory of the room. It extended almost across one end of the room. It was built of stones that were picked up near, which of course, made them all different sizes. They were imbedded in clay "daubin". The big hearth was clay pounded down hard. The chimney was made of sticks, imbedded in clay, they were built like a log cabin, ends crossing and not always the same length. The inside was daubed with clay. To build a fire in it, a log, called "back log" was rolled against the back wall, for "Andirons" they used stones. In real cold weather the teacher would often get to the school house by four oclock in the morning and start the fire roaring in that big fireplace. Some of the children would be there by daylight. Father said he and a neighbor boy would race to see which would get there first. It was early in the fall and the chimney

had not been repaired where the summer rain had washed the "darbin" out. Father saw the other boy was nearest the door, so he squeezed through that hole and beat the boy in. They had to take their seats and begin to study at once, and "outloud" at that. The whole school studied every lesson aloud.

Of course that was a limited education and I think father surely had un-limited judgment to fill the station in life that he did. He served as "Justice of Peace" twenty five years. The duties of the office were very much like those of the county court and Judge at the present. One of the duties was to perform the marriage ceremony. The first couple I ever saw married, my father pronounced the ceremony. I've heard him tell this amusing incident in connection with his duties in the office. A man and wife came riding on the same horse, she on behind the man with her arms around him to keep from falling off. Guess they thought if he could tie a knot, he could untie one for they told him they had come to get a divorce. He told them that was not included in the duties of his office, then talked to them, and reasoned with them, till they agreed to go home and try harder to live agreeably together.

Beside the duties of "Justice", he acted as administrator and executor of so many estates, often having three or four on hand at the same time. He acted as guardian for minor children frequently. A widow and fatherless children filled his heart with sincere pity, and he helped them in anyway he could. He was very sympathetic in sickness, which caused him to be sent for and in case of accident it would be "Send for Andy." Before the day of undertakers, he would go and do what he could in that capacity. He frequently removed the back seats from his spring wagon and used it as a hearse.

Though his education was so limited, he was a very useful man in his community. He died May 5, 1881. Buried in the Marion Cemetery.

The line of descent is as follows -

John Sleeth, father of Alexander

Alexander Sleeth, his son - *Nancy Sleeth*

David Sleeth *son of Alexander*

Andrew Sleeth (son of David) and children as follows, *in Sarah Sleeth*

Charles Myer Sleeth

Susan Jane "

Hemsley Seney "

\*Clarissa Kate (Anders) "

Orlando Milton "

Alfred Clinton "

\*Anna Eliza (Stover) "

\*Drusilla (Gordon) "

\*Harriet (Thayer) "

William Warren Sleeth died when five weeks old. Was  
born December 6, 1860

\*Anna (Sleeth) Stover included the married name of the daughters in parenthesis before the married name. For authenticity, we print it exactly as she wrote it.

Raising these nine children to manhood and womanhood was one of the greatest things he accomplished in life and caring for his old mother so patiently and kindly. I witness this in her last days, showed love and appreciation for her care of him when he was left a fatherless babe.

Grandmother, Jane Sleeth died on this farm in Marion township. She was born in Virginia, February 5, 1791. She died at her son Andrew's home on the farm she had helped to convert into a home from a wilderness. She died February 27, 1866. Buried in Marion Cemetery, Shelby Co., Ind.

The spring on the hillside to which the Indian path I've referred to had such a strong appeal for father that he moved the home buildings from near the river upon this hill a few years after his marriage, much against the protests of his mother and wife, and established them near this spring, and when he erected his big frame house, in 1854, it was located near this spring. I'm sure of the year when this house was erected, for I had the honor of being the first child born in this house and I was born May 30, 1855. Here in this home the children all grew to manhood and womanhood, only leaving it to establish homes of their own.

Mother never liked to live there in the middle of the farm and so far from the public highway, so after father's death, the north half of the farm was sold and the old spring passed into other hands. I think this was in the year 1884.

Mother moved from the old home on the Hill, Oct. 6, 1884, to the new home on the Shelbyville and Morristown Road. About a mile north of the village of Marion. Here she died November 27, 1888, and was buried beside father in the Marion Cemetery November 29, 1888. It was a sad Thanksgiving day for we children when we turned away from "That low green tent from which the curtains never swing outward."

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In memory of Mother.

She was such a wonderful mother so patient and kind, so just and true to her children. They were her first thought and care, their interests came first with her. She was never too busy to lend them a helping hand. I remember this so well. I was going to school for the first, I came home and said, "Mother, I have to speak a piece, what will I say?" My cry of "Mother" caused her to lay aside her work, sacrificing her interest to help her child. She came, took me on her lap and taught me this.

"The little wren is very small,  
The humming bird is less,  
The lady bird is less than all  
And very beautiful in dress."

Though seventy years have gone over my head since then, I've

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never forgotten. She told us she learned it when a little girl and said it was a verse at the top of a page in her spelling book.

As in this case, she was ever ready to heed the cry of her children from the oldest to the youngest, for "Mother." How sad our hearts when we turned away from her grave realizing that never again would she answer our cry for "Mother", for we had no mother. She had gone to "God's Other Room".

As a child I've gone with her for an evening walk. She loved nature and saw God's handiwork in all its beauty and was filled with adoration for all His wonderful work.

I've gone with her many evenings for a walk at setting sun. Her favorite spot was on top of a little hill. Here she would stand with the world at her feet, looking over the low lands as though looking "Over There". She seemed to have forgotten earthly things. She had a look on her face that filled my childish heart with awe. She seemed to be having a heavenly vision. I felt she was communing with God. She didn't talk religion, she lived it, as her husband and children knew. Thank God for such a mother.

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Great Grandfather Young\*  
How he lost his farm.

The first account I have of him, he was living on his farm in Virginia. This farm was badly infected with a disease known as "Milk Sick," a name given it, I suppose, because the disease could be transmitted to the human family by the use of milk products, from an infected cow. Cattle that grazed in woods frequently became infected. The attack usually terminated fatally. The symptoms were not manifest for a few hours and a family were liable to partake of the milk, thereby contracting the disease. All grazing animals were liable to infection. As a precautionary measure when cattle had been grazing in the woods, (the) would be run before milking till their blood was thoroughly heated, if infected they would then begin trembling and fall over to rise again.

There was great controversy as to the origin of the disease. Science has since proven it to be a vegetable poison, a weed of which some animals would eat greedily. It was eliminated by cultivation. The loss of animals and the great menace to his family caused great grandfather to decide to leave the community is now known as West Virginia. Father thought it was from her descriptions and knowledge he gained of the country there by reading. It must have required courage to just move off and abandoned ones home. I know nothing of his wife. I wish I had father's old bible, think Will Sleeth has it, as it had become the property of brother Hem.

By grandmother living with father, they often conversed about the happenings of the long, long ago. I was an egat listener. I learned so much about it, but, oh the things I'd like to learn about it now.

Editor's Note: The preceeding part of the manuscript appears to have been rewritten by Anna (Sleeth) Stover from that portion of the manuscript which follows. The handwriting was shakey and the spelling not as good as in the earlier manuscript. We publish that portion of the original manuscript about Great Grandfather Young which is extant so the reader may compare.

There was what was called "Milk Sick" on the farm, in fact, it was badly infested. It affected grazing animals. It was transmitted to the human family by the use of milk products, milk, butter and cheese, all milk products. If the cows grazed through the day in the woods they were given this test - before being milked. Some one would mount a horse and run the cows till their blood was well heated, if they were infected they would begin trembling and staggering till they would fall never to rise again as it was considered fatal. Horses would be attacked too. There was great controversy over the source of contamination, some being firm of the opinion that some drinking water was its origin but science proved conclusively that it was a poisonous weed. Clearing and cultivation of the land eradicated it afterwards. Great grand father decided he had lost so much stock by its ravages and it was such a menace to the family that he would sell his farm and go elsewhere. He found to sell his farm that was so badly infested was an impossibility. So he just abandoned it. Decided to go to Kentucky. He made diligent inquiries as to "Milk Sick" being there, to all inquiries he was told it positively was not near. After moving there he found he was "Out of the fat into the fire" for it was almost as bad as where he had left. He moved from there to Ohio, Dark County. It was while they were living there that my father Andrew Reed Sleeth was born September 18, 1819. He has told me they moved from Ohio to Indiana when he was two months old.

The following letter appears to have been written about the same time as the re-write on Great grandfather Young. While the handwriting is basically the same, it is shakey and smaller.

\*Perhaps it was to this portion of the manuscript that Anna (Sleeth) Stover referred when she said in her letter to Lola "I'm mixed some oon great grandfather Young". Andrew Reed Sleeth was son of David Sleeth, not great grandfather Young.



Monday Eve, 7th

My Dear Lola:

In hunting through my papers today I found this - "John Sleeth\* died at Valley Forge while serving under General Washington. He was the father of Alexander Sleeth, your mother's great grandfather. Was it you or Blanche that was wanting to establish a Revolutionary record so you could become a D.A.R.?

If it was you "go to it" - as you can claim your great-great-great grandfather's record, as well as your great great. Mrs. O'Byrne can tell you all about them for I think she has the record back to the flood. I also found Nancy Smith\*\* was my great grandmother, Great grandfather's first wife. I think I got this from Sallie Robins. In thinking it over today I think I'm mixed some on great-granfather Young, but not anything important and really who knows, I don't. I've done my best, if any person cares for it, they had better accept as it is. I realize I'm not capable of doing it again. I haven't found any record of the date of Grandfather's marriage. I mean grandfather Sleeth. Remeber where I've said grandfather and grandmother, they bore the same relationship to your mother and you can run them back to see what relation they are to you and Walton. John Sleeth, Alexander Sleeth, David (grandfather), Andrew, Hattie, Lola and Walton.

Again, I've done my best, condone mistakes. I think my dates are correct and names.

Caleb Sleeth \*\*\*

Father's Uncle Caleb Sleeth, when passing through the kitchen where I was at work, one day, stopped by me and told me this. "You remind me of my grandmother" I'll always remember the morning we started to move West. Grandmother walked with us till we were ready to go down a big hill, here she told us, each, farewell. She had on a long deep red cloak. When we got to the hilltop on the other side, we could see that red cloak, and as long as we could see bak that red cloak was there! Think of the desolation of her heart, for she knew she would never see them again. No train or autos then. I can hardley write about it, after all these years without crying.

Uncle Caleb Sleeth told this to me,  
his great niecc,

Anna Sleeth Stover

\* Research, so far, has not proven this. The "John Sleeth" of whom she speaks appeared in Harrison County, (W) Va. records after Valley Forge.

\*\*Nancy Smith was Alexander Sleeth's second wife. She was a daughter of David and Lydia (Sall) Smith. See Issue 3. Pg. 19.

\*\*\*Son of Alexander and Nancy (Smith) Sleeth.

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"OLD SLEETH BIBLE"

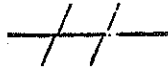
From the records of J. W. Smith, the historian of the Hacker-Smith family, that I have obtained from Howard Smith of Philippi, W. Va., it is revealed that J. W. Smith wrote to Elouise May Roberts in reference to the book that she written, Four Revolutionary Soldiers, on 19 Sept 1950. Mrs. Roberts responded on 25 Sept 1950 that she had a copy of the book on hand. J. W. Smith replied on 9 Nov 1950 that he had received the book and wrote for documentary proof of the statements made in the book involving David Smith which were not in accord with his documents. Mr. Edward S. Roberts responded on 15 Dec 1950 and informed J. W. that Elouise M. Roberts had died three days after his letter had arrived and was not able to read it. (Elouise May Roberts died about 14 Nov 1950.) Edward S. Roberts offered his help in the future. J. W. Smith sent his sincere sympathy on 21 Dec 1950 and stated that he was then 80 years old and that his wife had died 12 years ago. He also requested a copy of the "Old Sleeth Bible" that Mrs. Roberts had obtained from a Sleeth woman who was old and had no children. J. W. Smith wrote again on 22 Mar 1951 and also asked about the availability of the Hacker Manuscripts and where they could be seen. Ed S. Roberts sent the photostatic copies of the "Old Sleeth Bible" and an old letter that he had found from J. F. Wright of Indianapolis, Ind., dated 20 Apr 1918 to J. W. Smith on 6 Apr 1951. 11 Apr 1951 thanked Mr. Roberts for the information that he had sent but asked if there were other death records that he might find and send to him. J. W. Smith again wrote to Mr. Roberts on 1 May 1951 and stated that he had received the book Some Colonial Families by Elouise M. Roberts and again asked for the Death and Marriage records from the Sleeth Bible. Ed. S. Roberts responded on 15 May 1951 and said that he was sending the Sleeth Bible records that had been requested and that none of the other material that had been sent need to be returned. On 19 May 1951 J. W. Smith thanked Mr. Roberts for the photocopies that he had sent and informed him that he had located microfilm clippings of the Hacker Manuscripts in the State Library at Richmond, Va. This is the end of the correspondence on this matter.

There are five pages of records from the "Old Sleeth Bible" and I believe that the Bible was the property of Alexander Sleeth Sr. (son of John and Mary Wallace? Sleeth), since all of his children are listed in the contents. This Bible would now be over 200 years old in reference to the dates recorded.

Robert B. Smith  
Lost Creek, W. Va.  
8 Feb 1983

\*A microfilmed copy of the Hacker Manuscripts is in the W. Va. Collection at West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va. Another copy is owned jointly by Franklin Walters and Joy Gilchrist.

This transcript of the "Old Sleeth Bible" was made from the J. W. Smith copies of the original notations in the Sleeth Bible by Robert B. Smith 7 Feb 1983.



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David Sleeth Born on 29th. of August 1783 and died on 16th. of April 1820 about 7 oclock in the morning and died aged thirty six years, seven months and seventeen days old.

Alexander Sleeth Senr, was born the 20th of March, 1750 and died May 14th. 1820 about 5 oclock PM aged sixty nine years, eight months and twenty five days old.

Andrew R Sleeth (no notation)

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John Sleeth Born the 7th. day of December 1774

Mary Sleeth Born January ye 31st. 1777 and died 11th. day of October 1778.

Mary Sleeth 2 daughter born November 13th. 1779 and died ye 7 day of May 1797

David Sleeth Son of 2 wife born Friday 29 August 1783

Alex<sup>dr</sup> P. Sleeth Junior Born ye Thursday ye 18th. of August 1785

Thomas Sleeth Born Wadensday 15 of August 1787

Joanas Sleeth Born Sunday 19 day of July 1789

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Jeams Sleeth Born Saterday 9th of July 1791

Maryan Macker Sleeth Tusday born ye 16th day of July 1793

W<sup>m</sup> Sleeth Saturday born ye 15th day of August 1795

Robert P. Sleeth Born ye 21st day of Aprile 1798

Calab Sleeth Born ye 1st day of May Thursday Morning 1800

Nancy Sleeth Born Saterday August 14th 1802

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Albant J. Sleeth Born on Thursday November ye 9th 1806

Susanna Sleeth Born Aprile ye 16th 1808 on Saterday about eliven oclock at night

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Sinthea Ann Sleeth Was July the 19th 1809

Harriet Sleeth Was born October the 15 1811

Eveline Sleeth Was born March the 6 1813

Andrew Read Sleeth Was born September the 18th 1819

NOTE: The photostats of the "Old Sleeth Bible" would not copy well enough to print in the Journal. If you wish a copy, please write to Joy and she'll send you a copy.

Jesse Run Church Cemetery

This cemetery is located on Jesse Run, a branch of Hacker's Creek in the northeast section of Lewis County, W. Va. It is 3.7 miles upstream from the roads intersection of Jesse Run, Hacker's Creek and Interstate 79, near the town of Jane Lew. The church and the cemetery behind it is on the left, i.e., the north side of the highway. It is fenced and kept in excellent condition. Due to the fenced area running northwest to southeast, the rows are diagonally to the entrance, therefore the first rows, beginning at the west have only a few graves and are progressively longer to the east. Inscriptions copied 23 December 1982 by Hartzel G. Strader.

Row 1

2 sandstone markers - no markings

JOHNSON, Elzey S. d. 3 Nov 1879 aged 2y0m2d s/o H. & E.

Sandstone - no markings

Row 2

3 sunken graves - no markers

Row 3

CHIDESTER, Zed b. 29 Aug 1880, d. 24 Nov 1892

Clide b. 9 Sept 1888, d. 25 Nov 1892

Children of

Kate b. 22 Dec 1876, d. 29 Nov 1892

R.M. & P.L.

Sandstone - no markings

HALL, Dr. S. W. d. 24 Dec 1877 aged 24y 11m 5d

COOKMAN, Margaret J. d. 9 June 1872 d/o W.M. & S.A. aged 22 yrs

COOKMAN, Barbarey E. d. 25 Oct 1863 d/o W.M. & S.A. aged 7y11m28d

COOKMAN, William d. 2 Dec 1814, d. 24 July 1897

COOKMAN, William d. 5 Mar 1860 aged 10y5m10d

CHEUVROUT, Phebe b. 1 Sept 1800, d. 29 April 1872 w/o Gideon

LITTLE, Mary J. d. 13 Nov 1885 aged 46yrs.

Row 4

RINEHART, Abraham W. b. 1871, d. 1890

RINEHART, Evart M. b. 1873, d. 1890

RINEHART, Maud Effa b. 1867, d. 1886

RINEHART, Eli b. 1832, d. 1914

Lucretia b. 1836, d. 1872, his wife

? COOKMAN, Grace d. 6 Nov 1879 d/o J.L. & R. COOKMAN

Row 5

HORNBECK, Emert D. b. 11 Jan 1871, d. 6 Sept 1894 age 23 yr

HORNBECK, Dianah M. b. 5 July 1900, d. 30 Oct 1900 d/o J.F. & L.M.

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Row 5 - cont.

HORNBECK, Doyl b. 3 Nov 1894, d. 18 Sept 1902 s/o J.F. & L.M.  
 HORNBECK, Adda M. b. 14 Jan 1905, d. 14 Feb 1905, d/o J.F. & L.M.  
 HORNBECK, Chloe D. b. 20 Dec 1909, d. 30 Dec 1909, d/o J.F. & L.M.  
 HORNBECK, William b. 11 Apr 1935, d. 21 Mar 1903 father - private  
 Co. E. 1st W. Va. Reg. Battery  
 Frances E. b. 29 Oct 1839, d. 31 July 1918 mother

Row 6

MEELY, Jemima b. 20 Aug 1796, d. 21 May 1885 w/o Joseph  
 COBURN, Jemima b. 20 May 1827, d. 8 June 1895 w/o John  
 COBURN, Lillie B. d. 24 June 1878 aged 5y9m18d d/o M. & Mary  
 COBURN, Olive M. d. 14 Jan 1878 aged 7y11m3d d/o M. & Mary  
 COBURN, Olive M. d. 27 Sept 1868 aged 47y 7m26d w/o John  
 COBURN, John b. 27 Nov 1811, d. 15 Feb 1896  
 DOBSON, Sarah d. 30 Apr 1856 aged 53 y4m23d w/o Richard  
 DOBSON, d. 7 Jan 1874 aged 80y11m23d (Richard)  
 PROPS, Mahlon A. b. 20 Dec 1878, d. 7 Dec 187\_ s/o W.S. & S.R.  
 LUZADER, Sida H. b. 1866, d. 1950  
 Alice C. b. 1872, d. 1912  
 MYERS, Wirt C. b. 1884, d. 1952  
 Sena F. b. 1894, d. 1978  
 MYERS, Sylvester b. 1858, d. 1938  
 Vena b. 1858, d. 1943 his wife  
 MYERS, Hiley b. 1893, d. 1913 d/o Sylvester & Lurenia  
 BENNETT, Sarah E.H. d. 5 Dec 1876 d/o S.W.&M. aged 4y5m10d  
 MOORE, Andy J. d. 16 Nov 1868 aged 3y8m21d  
 broken stone d. 8 May 1886 aged 49y0m18d  
 KNISELEY, Olive S. d. 3 May 1856 aged 2y7m0d d/o John & Juliet  
 MOORE, Daniel B. d. 2 Mar 1867 aged 34y11m6d  
 KNISELEY, Luvernina V. d. 19 Mar 1855 aged 10y4m0d d/o George & M.J.  
 KNISELEY, Amanda J. d. 22 Aug 1860 aged 7y2m23d d/o G.W. & M.J.  
 KNISELEY, Harriet J. d. 5 Feb 1867 aged 31y2m2d w/o George W.  
 KNISELEY, Maude d. 31 Dec 1870 aged 2months d/o A.R. & I.S.  
 RINEHART, Tacy C. d. 4 Feb 1920 aged 7y4m25d w/o Noah  
 RINEHART, Noah d. 18 Jan 1879 aged 34y11m13d  
 RINEHART, Raymon b. 26 Mar 1894, d. 8 Oct 1895 s/o J. & L.  
 RINEHART, Willis P. b. 1895, d. 1918 Private Co. C. 59 Inf.  
 RINEHART, Elizabeth b. 10 Mar 1870, d. 21 Apr 1924 w/o John  
 RINEHART, John b. 1871, d. 1951  
 O'CONNER, Madie Rinehart b. 13 May 1897, d. 23 Apr 1949

Row 7

COCKMAN, G.G. b. 25 May 1843, d. 14 Sept 1907  
 Mary M. b. 14 Apr 1845, d. 9 Oct 1901

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Row 7 - Cont.

YOUNG, Claudia b. 9 Nov 1870, d. 20 Jan 1897  
MELTON, Leo Snider b. 1915, ---  
MELTON, Newton J. b. 1886, d. 1959  
MELTON, Ella Allman b. 1896, d. 1951  
MELTON, W. N. b. 1858, d. 1934  
    Martha J. b. 1864, d. 1930 his wife  
MILTON, Clarence H. b. 14 March 1890 d. 10 May 1914 s/o W.N. & Martha J.  
CUMMINGS, Gideon M. b 1879, d. 1940  
CUMMINGS, George b. 1862, d. 1932  
    Ella b. 1873, d. 1943 his wife  
CUMMINGS, Hilburn b. 23 Feb 1892, d. 21 June 1903 s/o G. & E.  
CUMMINGS, M. D. b. 23 Dec 1871, d. 22 May 1898  
LORENTZ, Rose b. 14 Jan 1870, d. 13 Jan 1898 w/o John  
MOUNT, Corney d. 19 May 1869 aged 7 yrs d/o G. & D.  
MOUNT, Jehu d. 28 Aug 1869 aged 70y4m22d  
TALBOTT, Arrison b. 5 Nov 1889, d. 17 Jan 1894 aged 4y2m11d  
TALBOTT, Infant b. 20 Jan 1892, d/o F.M. & M.A.  
TALBOTT, Arthur Vincen d. 3 Jan 1909 aged 12y0m24d s/o F.M. & M.A.  
LORENTZ, Mary E. b. 22 May 1854, d. 11 Feb 1893 w/o Z.T.  
JENKINS, Fern b. 9 Mar 1909, d. 28 Jan 1912 d/o A.L. & Willa  
RINEHART, Frances L. d. 1 Dec 1874 aged 10y2m20d d/o R.&C.  
RINEHART, Ricahrd d. 1 June 1870 in his 34yr.  
CUMMINGS, Elza b. 13 June 1824, d. 21 Feb 1887  
    Mary b. 4 Oct 1827, d. 16 Oct 1900  
CUMMINGS, Prudence J. d. 2 May 1884, in her 18 year d/o E. & M.  
REGER, Philip b. 12 Dec 1795, d. 28 Mar 1874

Row 8

LORENTZ, Isabel b. 18 Oct 1822, d. 14 Sept 1909  
LORENTZ, James d. 4 Aug 1891 aged 59y0m12d  
LORENTZ, Infant of Jas. & Isobel d. 26 Aug 1853  
WHITE, Guy d. 6 Dec 1874 aged 4m19d s/o ZT & M.  
WHITE, infant of Z.T. & M. d 15 Nov 1875  
WHITE, Infant son of Z.T. & M. d 15 Oct 1877  
COCKMAN, J.L. b. 24 Nov 1846, d. 26 Dec 1904  
HORNBER, George M. b. 1833, d. 1916  
    Margaret G. b. 1846, d. 1927 his wife  
HALL, Edgar M. b. 1870, d. 1953  
    Emma J. b. 1881, d. 1918  
HALL, infant d/o E.M. & Emma J. no date  
HORNBECK, Benjamin R. b. 24 Jan 1879, d. 8 Feb 1912  
McPHERSON, Carl b. 1883, d. 1958  
    Canzada b. 1876, d. 1962  
LIGHT, Andrew J. b. 13 Oct 1837, d. 9 Mar 1912  
    Mary J. b. 4 Apr 1840, d. 30 Dec 1918 his wife

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Row 8 - Cont.

TALBOTT, F.M. b. 1856, d. 1927  
Mary A. b. 1856, d. 1915 his wife  
COOKMAN, Emily b. 1 Sept 1849, d. 28 June 1908 d/o John & Elizabeth  
COOKMAN, John b. 22 Feb 1819, d. 1914  
Eliza b. 4 Feb 1824, d. 13 Mar 1904  
COOKMAN, Minter b. 21 Aug 1851, d. 28 Aug 1897  
HORNBER, Samuel d. 18 Feb 1883 aged 77y6m5d  
HORNBER, Joseph M. d. 13 Jan 1861 in his 31st year  
HORNBER, William H. d. 14 Mar 1877 aged 21y5m22d s/o S.&M.  
HORNBER, Dora d. 11 July 1878 aged 4y10m5d d/o S.&D.  
POST, Sophia S. d. 1 Nov 1888 aged 70y9m2d w/o John  
POST, John b. 26 March 1816, d. 3 April 1900  
POST, Elizabeth d. 27 Feb 1860 aged 54y19m2d w/o Jesse  
POST, Jesse b. May 1803, d. 5 May 1881  
POST, Martin b. 15 June 1777, d. 19 Nov 1856 (also an old marker on ground)  
Sarah b. 7 Feb 1775, d. 14 Sept 1850 w/o M. Post (old marker on ground)  
POST, Amanda E. d. 15 Sept 1890 aged 53y9m2d d/o J.&E.  
POST, Elizabeth b. 1832, d. 1902  
SIDERS, Wineebonora d. 24 Aug 1870 aged 8 dys d/o E.B. & M.A.  
SWISHER, Oscar B. d. 1 Sept 1869 in his 26 yr s/o L.M. & F.  
SWISHER, Lemuel M. b. 31 May 1820, d. 27 Sept 1898  
Eliza b. 14 Dec 1823, d. 18 Feb 1896 w/o L.M.  
WOLF, A.T. b. 1829, d. 1916

Row 9

MORGAN, George J. b. 1902, d. 1916 s/o J.D. & B.M.  
MORGAN, John D. b. 1867, d. 1940  
Bertha M. b. 1878, d. 1923  
WALTON, Clyde V. Jr. b. 29 Dec 1936, d. 9 April 1937  
WESTFALL, Gail b. 1904, d. 1920  
WESTFALL, Audra b. 1898, d. 1920  
WESTFALL, Opha M. b. 1878, d. 1955  
Elva B. b. 1880, d. 1960  
CUMMINGS, Stella b. 1880, d. 1975 his sister (of Duane COOKMAN -same stone  
COOKMAN, Duane b. 1886, d. 1972  
COOKMAN, Willis Eva b. 15 Dec 1876, d. 13 Sept 1908 w/o W.C.  
COOKMAN, Mifflin b. 1847, d. 1914  
Melissa A. b. 1854, d. 1892 his wife  
COOKMAN, Washington d. 21 May 1860 in his 26 yr s/o J. & B.  
COOKMAN, Jeremiah d. 31 Aug 1860 in his 64 yr (another stone has b. 1795)  
COOKMAN, Betsy d. 27 Mar 1882 in her 87 yr w/o Jeremiah (another stone has b. 1795)  
COOKMAN, Sarah E. b. 22 Dec 1859, d. 28 Aug 1861 d/o M. & E.

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COOKMAN, Elizabeth J. b. 17 Nov 1832, d. 1 Mar 1874 d/o J.P. & S. Post  
COOKMAN, Marshall b. 12 July 1825, d. 20 Aug 1896  
POST, Eliza Adaline b. 18 Oct 1841, d. 11 Aug 1863 d/o J.P. & S.  
POST, Edwin d. 19 Aug 1852 aged 17y2m26d  
POST, Sarah d. 11 Apr 1856 aged 55y11m12d w/o J.R.  
POST, Jacob d. 18 Nov 1858 aged 52y2m22d  
POST, Ora b. 21 June 1892, d. Jan 1932  
POST, Vernia M. b. 1862, d. 1939 mother  
POST, John E. b. 1856, d. 1925 father  
POST, Clyde d. 29 Apr 1888 aged 3y3m29d s/o J.E. & L.  
POST, Adah b. 28 Feb 1883, d. 8 Apr 1905  
POST, Ray b. 28 June 1888, d. 21 June 1909  
PRICE, Blanche Post b. 1887, d. 1941  
ARNOLD, Hattie Post, b. 4 Dec 1889, d. 2 July 1975

Row 10

REED, Odella H. b. 11 June 1906, d. 15 May 1926  
MELTON, Burma C. b. 1923, d. 1952  
MELTON, Maynard b. 1882, d. 1951  
Ella b. 1881, d. 19--  
LEWIS, infant dau. of Guy & Audrey still born 21 Jan 1921  
LEWIS, Clay Dexter b. 23 Nov 1896, d. 20 May 1957 Pvt W. Va.  
Trp G3 Cavalry WW I  
Mary V. b. 1930, d. ---  
LEWIS, Edwin B. 1871, d. 1949  
Laura V. b. 1869, d. 1935  
LEWIS, Harvey E. b. 1893, d. 1918 Co. B. 168 Inf.  
LEWIS, Mary L. b. 1 Oct 1898, d. 30 Nov 1900 d/o Edwin & L.V.  
POST, John d. 20 Feb 1890 aged 1m7d s/o G.M. & (?C)

Row 11

MELTON, John F. b. 16 Mar 1888, d. 10 Apr 1960 W. Va. Quartermaster  
Corps WW I  
BLAKE, George J. b. 1875, d. 1936  
Zora May b. 1884, d. 1972  
COTTRILL, C.C. b. 3 June 1894, d. 2 Jan 1935  
COTTRILL, Omar M. b. Aug 1931, d. July 1939  
CURTIS, Musto T. b. 1892, d. 1952  
PRATT, Daisy Curtis b. 1897, d. 1978 same stone  
CURTIS, B.B. b. 1851, d. 1933  
Martha A. b. 1857, d. 1927 his wife  
CURTIS, John R. b. 1887, d. 1963  
V. Maud b. 1888, d. 1947  
SIMS, Oscar Bond b. 27 Nov 1904, d. 26 July 1976 Pt 2 US Navy WW II  
SIMS, George E. b. 1872, d. 1953  
Elizabeth b. 1874, d. 1950  
LEWIS, Rufus b. 1835, d. 1921  
Mary b. 1845, d. 1923 his wife



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Row 11 - Cont.

HENDERSON, Lewis b. 1872, d. 1937  
Alice b. 1877, d. 19—

Row 12

SKIDMORE, Amy b. 12 Dec 1891, d. 3 Feb 1902 d/o J.T. & M.L.  
JENKINS, Asbury Lewis b. 1862, d. 1946  
Willa b. 1869, d. 1947  
POSTLETHWAIT, Henry E. b. 14 Feb 1894, d. 22 Nov 1956 W. Va. Pvt.  
Co. G 125 Inf. WW I  
MELTON, Betty Jo b. 29 Oct 1933, d. 12 Nov 1933 d/o M.M. & Maple  
MORRISON, Scott b. 1881, d. 1964 father  
Bessie L. b. 1903, d. 1975 Mother  
WARNER, Arden S. b. 5 June 1920, d. 27 May 1974 Pfc US Army

Row 13

McWHORTER, Margaret b. 1927, d. 1979 daughter — same stone  
MILLER, Susan b. 1904, no death date mother —  
MILLER, Frank H. b. 2 Aug 1900, d. 21 March 1964 W. Va. Sea US Navy WW I  
WEAVER, Frederick Hugh b. 28 Aug 1897, d. 10 Sept 1968  
Corinne Jenkins b. 31 Dec 1897, d. 19 Nov 1970  
FRASHUER, Rosemary infant 1935

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Jonas Smith Graveyard

This cemetery is located at the mouth of Herron Run near Hacker's Creek near boundary of Lewis and Upshur Counties. Recorded by Janet (Rogers) Cosgrove October 1982.

SMITH, Mary Clark d. 1 Jan 1843 d/o William Clark and wife of  
Jonas Smith 39y 3m 15d  
SMITH, Wilson Jane d. 1 June 1850 d/o William Clark and w/o Jonas  
Smith 31y  
SMITH, Jane 1846 d/o Jonas & Mary Smith 16y  
SMITH, Rachel 1850 d/o Jonas & Mary Smith 18y  
SMITH, Jonas

BUTCHER GRAVE YARD

Located in Lewis County, W. Va. From Weston, go to Camden on 33W, after leaving Camden about 2 miles out you will see an old store on left . . . Martin Mertz sign on outside. Behind this house, down through meadow, across river and about halfway up hill are two small fenced graveyards. No roads or paths lead to it; it has not been used in years, but is in fair condition. Recorded by Janet (Roby) Cosgrove 1982.

In one fenced lot is just one big stone with this inscription:

DONALDSON

William L.  
1906-1967

James A.  
1902-1969

In other fenced - in graveyard are:

BUTCHER, Mickel s/o C.E. & Eunice b. 24 Aug 1898 d. 13 Sept 1913  
BUTCHER, Eddy s/o C.E. & Eunice b. 18 May 1905, d. 3 Sept 1905  
BUTCHER, William L. 1856-1923  
BUTCHER, Mary J. w/o W.L. b. 29 Feb 1857, d. 7 Feb 1883  
BUTCHER, Perry M. s/o Amanda Butcher b. 10 Apr 1863, d. 23 Aug 1874  
BUTCHER, Clerisa M. d/o Amanda Butcher 15 Feb 1873-2 May 1873  
JONES, David L. 1961-1961  
BUTCHER, Frank, Ohio Cook 67th Balloon Co. 23 June 1928  
BUTCHER, Enet, s/o W.L. & E.B. b. 12 May 1907, d. 29 Dec 1911  
JONES, Lizzie G. b. 1899 d. 19--  
JONES, Millard F. b. 1893 d. 1961  
JONES, Harold J. b. 26 Sept 1925, d. 23 Mar 1946 (Veteran marker on a small grave)

There were two more stones that a big tree had fallen on but could not get to them to read them.

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I.O.O.F. CEMETERY

This cemetery is located at Enterprise, W. Va. (Harrison County). These records were copied from old WPA records by Janet (Roby) Cosgrove 9 November 1982.

ROBEY, Cena b. 1838 d. March 8, 1868 wife of Cyrus Tetrick  
ROBEY, H. T. b. 1834  
ROBEY, Hezekiah b. March 18, 1811 D. Feb 27, 1909  
ROBEY, Margaret b. March 19, 1811 d. Sept 17, 1903, wife of Hezekiah Robey  
ROBEY, Melissa J. b. 1838 d. 1892 wife of H.T. Robey  
ANDERSON, Cassie d. March 1910 wife of John Anderson  
Wilson Moore 82 y  
CUMMINGHAM, Martin V. b. May 10, 1834 d. Sept 3, 1910  
(Cont. on page 91)

I.O.O.F. cemetery - Cont.

MARTIN, D. Scott b. July 23, 1848 d. April 18, 1905  
 MARTIN, Mary Hughes b. 1859  
 MARTIN, Sarah b. May 2, 1862 wife of Scott Martin  
 MARTIN, Taylor b. 1844 d. 1917  
 McINTIRE, Charles b. Oct 20, 1836 d. June 27, 1889  
 McINTIRE, Elias b. 1833 d. 1920  
 McINTIRE, Rachel b. Aug 4, 1841 d. May 3, 1912 wife of Charles  
 McIntire

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Hardesty Cemetery

Located on Jno. H. Hardesty Farm, near Enterprise, Harrison  
 County, W. Va. Submitted by Janet (Robey) Cosgrove  
 These are the only burials:

McINTIRE, Aloytus d. June 11, 1862 s/o Thos. & Hannah McIntire  
 12y 10m 1d  
 McINTIRE, James E. d. Dec 24, 1861 s/o Thos. & Hannah McIntire  
 5y 1m 1d  
 ROBey, Jeremiah d. Jan 14, 1835 69y  
 ROBey, Mary d. Jan 3, 1849 w/o Jeremiah Robey 77y

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CEMETERY SURVEYS

Our members have been hard-at-work surveying various cemeteries in Lewis County. These will be published as space permits. To avoid duplication, if you have surveyed a cemetery, please notify Joy. In addition to those which have been published, the following cemeteries have been "done": Laurel Lick, the original Bethel Church Cemetery, Harmony, Wolfe Cemetery, Marple Cemetery, William L. Smith Cemetery.

Hartzel Strader found an old cemetery on a survey map south of the junction of Hacker's Creek and Buckhannon Run. It is not Buckhannon Run Cemetery. Does anyone know of it?

Roberta Hefner and Worthy Straley tell us that they know of at least 35 cemeteries (old) located in the Stonewall Jackson Dam area that are not going to be moved. The Army Corps claims there are only 8. Roberta and Worthy are attempting to take pictures and record the data on the tombstones in these cemeteries. They would appreciate help in this endeavor. Contact Roberta at P.O. Box 807, Weston, W. Va. 26452 if you wish to help so that work will not be duplicated and for locations.

THE WOLFE FAMILY  
by  
Charles Ray Harper  
with help from  
Betty Shank

Jacob Wolfe was born in 1755 in Cornwall of Dutch descent according to the 1898 letter which was written by a son or daughter of Abraham Wolfe that is in the files of Robert Moore of Athens, Georgia. He was married to Anna Straley whose parentage is unknown. Jacob died in Lewis County in 1823 and Anna died 1822-1826; both are buried in the Wolfe Cemetery on Hacker's Creek. The cemetery is located on the high point of the John Heraman farm about three miles up Hacker's Creek; with tall cedars around it, the cemetery contains about 60 graves. Also buried in the cemetery are these Wolfes: Jane S. Starcher (D. Feb. 7, 1865 - aged 53 y 9m 18d), wife of Jacob Starcher and daughter of Jacob and Anna Wolfe; Thomas Wolf (D. June 12, 1853 - 68 yrs old), son of Jacob and Anna; Phebe (Taylor) Wolf (D. July 8, 1845, in her 57 yr), first wife of Thomas; A.M. Wolf (B. Nov 2, 1831 - D. Oct 10, 1903).

My 4th great-grandfather was born April 12, 1788, a son of Jacob and Anna (Straley) Wolfe. His name was James Robert Wolfe and he was born and raised near the fort on Hacker's Creek not far from the present village of Jane Lew.

Here is a curious incident related in Wither's Chronicles of Border Warfare, pg. 67: "Jacob Wolfe, in digging a well on Hacker's Creek, found a piece of timber which had evidently been cut off at one end, twelve or thirteen feet in the ground, marks of the ax or hatchet were plainly visible on it."

The first Wolfe homestead was at the base of Wolfe Mountain east of Buckhannon.

Children of Jacob Woolf (Wolfe) and Anna Straley:

1. Mary (Mollie) was born 10 July 1782, married George Bush Jr. 17 June 1799 in a marriage recorded in Harrison County as performed by Jacob Cozad, and died 9 Jan 1831.
2. Jacob Jr. was born 1778. His first marriage was to Mary McCally; George Towers was the celebrant and it is recorded in Harrison County, W. Va. Jacob Cozad performed Jacob's second marriage to Mary Waggoner, daughter of John Waggoner, on 15 Apr 1800. This marriage also is recorded in Harrison County.
3. James Robert Wolfe was born 12 Apr 1788 and died 18 Apr 1872. He married Frances Beath in 1807. He was married a second time to Christina Straley, a daughter of George Straley by his first wife Elizabeth Bonnett; they were married 20 Aug 1841 by Rev. Henry R. Bonnett in Lewis County.
4. Abraham, born 1794, also was married twice. He and Rachel McClochan were married 21 Feb 1814. 19 Apr 1858 he married Ruth (Chapman) Straley, daughter of Valentine and Ruth (Stevens) Chapman and formerly married to George Straley Jr.,

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LAWMAN  
GRAVES

1855 - LEWIS COUNTY DEATHS

Name of Dec.	Mo./Day	Age	Birthplace	Parents	Person Reporting	Cause
BUTCHER, Henry	7/18	2y6m	Lewis	Granville & Sarah E.	f	Flux
BONNETT, Martha	9/1	78y6m		Wm. & Deborah Radcliff	Elizabeth Allman, dau.	dysentery
BURNSIDE, Cynthia	12/19	30	Harrison	John & Elizabeth Romine	J.N. Burnside, h	typhoid
BELL, Jane	7/26	25y2m22d	Harrison	James & Martha Jeffries	G.N. Jeffries, bros.	consumption
COLBRETH, John H.	8/9	3	Lewis	Wm. & Elizabeth	f	dysentery
CLINTON, James*	8/25	10m		Sally Dickson	Thomas McDonald	
CUMMINGS, Lydia	3/9	70	Frederick Co., Va.	Wm. & Nelly Cunningham	C. Lister, sil	
CUSHEN, Edward	7/3	1	Lewis	Christopher & Elizabeth	m	thrash
COLEW, Infant	7/12	3m		Jake & Caherine	f	
FLANAGAN, Viola	8/7	2	Lewis	James & Mary J.	f	dysentery
FAULKNER, infant	10/26	1d	Lewis	James & Margaret	f	
FAULKNER, Margaret	11/19	36y5m19d	Konroe Co., Va.	John & Polly Furr	J. Faulkner, h	fever
FURR, Sally	11/4	63	Fauquier Co.	Ephraim & Jane Furr	Amos Furr, s	dropsy
FISHER, Catherine	9/14	48	Hardy	Jacob & C. Smith	Lucinda Fisher, dau.	flux
HINZMAN, Henry	9/21	29	Lewis	Abram & N.	f	consumption
HOOVER, Sidney	9/10	13	Pendleton	Adam & Elizabeth	f	flux
HOOVER, Sampson	9/13	10	Pendleton	Adam & Elizabeth	f	flux
HANSON, Joseph E.	8/24	11	Shenandoah	Lewis & Mary A.	m	scarlet fever
HURST, William	7/31	26		John & Nancy	M. Hurst, w	accident
HALL, Richard	6/16	66	Loudoun Co.	Wm. & Mary		
No surname, Jack**	8/15	2	Loudoun Co.	Wm. & Helen Davis	Mana Hitt, mistress	
JORDAN infant	8/18	13d		A.J. & Sarah	m	
JORDAN infant	8/20	15d		A.J. & Sarah	m	
JEFFRIES, Martha	8/2	49	Harrison	John & Jane Starcher	G.W. Jeffries, s	consumption
KEE, Harnet	6/23	42	Lewis	Jacob & Rebecca Lorentz	J. Kee, s	pneumonia
KING, Nancy	9/15	62	Lewis	Nancy Hurst	Wm. King, s	dysentery
KNICELY, Severnia V.	3/19	15	Lewis	Geo. W. & Margaret	f	croup
MORRISON, Polly C.	3/30	6m	Lewis	J.B. & P.	f	consumption
McWHORTER, Sarah A.	7/30	29	Fauquier	Pat & Sarah Francis	P.F. McWhorter, f (??)	pneumonia
OSBURN, Henry	4/6	16	Randolph	Phillip & Ruth	f	flux
PRIEST, Lucy	9/4	4	Rapahanock	Wm. W. & Sarah	f	flux
PRIEST, Robert J.	9/9	1	Rapahanock	Wm. N. & Sarah	f	dysentery
RINEHART, Geo. M.	9/16	16	Lewis	Ashford & Lydia	f	typhoid
ROWMINE, James W.	11/13	27	Harrison	John F. & E.	f	
RUSH, Mary	8/29	10m	Lewis	Michael & Mary	f	scarlet fever
ROBY, Margaret E.	4/27	11	Lewis	Ruben & Nancy	m	scarlet fever
ROBY, Nancy J.	3/26	4	Lewis	Ruben & Nancy	m	dysentery
SMITH, Wm. H. H.	9/10	14	Lewis	Jepe & Nancy	f	

Name of Dec.	No./Day	Age	Birthplace	Parents	Person Reporting	Cause
1855 -cont.						
SMITH, John G.	Sept.	10	Lewis	Jepe & Nancy	f	dysentery
SMITH, Margaret	9/8	8	Lewis	Jepe & Nancy	f	dysentery
SMITH, Martha	9/24	4	Lewis	Jepe & Nancy	f	dysentery
SIMONS, Noah C.	8/26	3		Jonas & Lidia	f	dysentery
LANSEL, Morrow	10/2	11	Lewis	John & Sally	m	flux
STALNAKER infant	10/5	1d	Lewis	M.W. & S.	f	consumption
SMITH, Sarah	7/25	80	Harrison	John & Margaret Hacker	David Smith, h	
TYGART, Mary E.	1/10	18m	Lewis	Jepe & Sarah	f	
TAYLOR, Martha L.	10/18	12d		John & Amanda	f	flux
WOOFER, Jane	9/8	18	Lewis	Jno. & Jennett	f	
WILLIAMS, Allan	9/10	1y1m16d	West Fork River		Christina West, aunt	dysentery
ARNOLD, Allie	12/5	3y2m3d	Weston	Phebe Williams	f	scarlet fever
BLARSETT, Jane	5/20	16	UK	Wm. & Sarah M.	Isaac Linger, no relation	
BONNETT, Samuel M.	3/26	4m26d	Round Knob	UK		
BLACK, Eliza Jane	10/11	1y6m29d	Big Skin Creek	Samuel & I.		teething
BONNETT, Harrison	10/7	1y1m20d	West Fork River	James & M. (?)	Lee A. Black, m	flux
BYRN, Michael	8/27	11m	Harrison	Wm. C. & Mary	f	teething
CANFIELD, Eliza	9/13	27	Nicholas Co.	Michael & Hannah	f	dysentery
CLARK, John C.	Aug.	10	Little Skin Creek	H. & Phebe	Elizabeth Taylor, aunt	dysentery
CLARK, Levi N.	5/12	4	Little Skin Creek	John & N.	f	dysentery
CLARK, Franklin C.	5/13	2	Little Skin Creek	Marshall & M.	f	
CARR, Samuel	5/3	27	Big Skin Cr.	Marshall & N.	f	consumption
GURTIS, William T.	6/6	5m3d	Oil Cr.	Wm. & Nancy	Caroline Carr, m (??)	croup
CONNER, Polly	11/24	28y8m24d		Geo. D. & Peggy	f	fluxing
CAMP, Thomas T.	7/17	1	Kiddle Run	Lou R. & Ellen Stones	Geo. Conner, f (?)	hives
DUVALL, Washington J.	9/14	10	West Fork River	Jno. & Mary A.	f	dysentery
EKES, Margaret S.	8/13	1	Stone Coal	Jno. G. & Charity Shoulders	m. ?	dysentery
DAVIS, Margaret	2/10	86	Hardy	Jacob & Catherine	m	old age
FRANCIS, Elliott S.	5/15	1m	Strait Fork	John & Prudence Davis	N. F. Shannon, sil	hives
FLINT, Mary A.	9/15	7y6m15d	West Fk. River	John R. & Savilla	f	dysentery
FLINT, Francis F.	9/12	2y7m6d	West Fk. River	Lewis & Anna	f	dysentery
FOX, John C.	10/1	8	West Fk. River	Lewis & Anna	f	dysentery
FOX, Melissa	12/22	1	West Fk. River	Walter & Mary E.	f	scarlet fever
FITZPATRICK, John	10/3	16	Ireland	James & Mary	Michael Fitzpatrick, bros	typhoid fever

Name of Dec.	No. Day	Age	Birthplace	Parents	Person Reporting	Cause
<b>1855-Cont.</b>						
GILLOOLY, Mary	9/6	65	Ireland	John or Riley	Abigail Gillooly, w??	consumption
HALL, Elizabeth	9/11	42	Little Skin Creek			
HARDMAN, Melvinia	4/3	8	Big Skin Cr.	John & Elizabeth Hardman	Jacob W. Hudson, h	dysentery
HART infant	8/21	1d	Sand Fork	I.W.	f	dysentery
HALL, Winifred	12/22	40	Ireland	Anthony & Mary	f	disprepsy
HAWKINS, Lucinda	6/16	33	Murphys Cr.	George & Barbara Fisher	Joseph Hall, h	asthma
HOWLETT, Wm.	4/8	61	Virginia		Elias Hawkins, h	fever
JOHNSTON, Indiamna	Oct	23	Randolph	Sam & Matilda	J.J. Spalding, sil	consumption
JOHNSTON, Hamond	1/3	33	Big Skin Cr.	Richard & Elizabeth	Wm. B. Johnston	scarlet fever
FISHER, John	4/5	2?	Murphys Cr.	Phebe Fisher	f	scarlet fever
FISHER, Margaret	4/12	2	Georgetown	Phebe Fisher	m	scarlet fever
LIGGETT, Amand	8/15	3	Rockingham	Nathan & Ella	f	scarlet fever
LONG, Adam	9/17	58	Sand Fork	Adam & K.	Eliza A. Long, w	cancer
LOHAN, Wm.	9/5	1y4d	Sand Fork	Michael & Anna	f	unknown
McDANIEL infant	7/10	1d	Stone Lick	George & Bridget	m	unknown
MOORE, Mary	4/16	27	Big Skin Cr.	Wm. & Nancy Carr	Caroline Carr, w??	consumption
McQUAIN, Nancy I	9/23	10m	West Fk. River	Alex & Eleanor	m	colery infantum
McGULLY, Eliza	10/12	23	Rockingham Co.	J.A. & Rebecca Custer	I.B. McGully, h	fever
MILLER, Abner	July	60	Glady Fork	Wk	Richard Hewdesheill, friend	flux
McCRAV, Robert E.	1/8	22	Ireland	A. & Delila	James McCray, f ??	consumption
McLAUGHLIN, Mrs.	7/10				J.H. Hamilton, physician	rupture of womb
PETERSON, Margaret	8/18	59	Harrison	Thos. & Mary Lowther	Wm. B. Peterson, h	dysentery
REXRoad infant	4/18	1d		A. & Julia A.	f	scarlet fever
ROBINSON, Margaret E.	1855	6	Maryland	James & Sarah	f	
MOORE infant	3/1	1d	Little			
			Kanaha	George & Mary W.	f	
POST, Wm. H.	9/28			Charles & Jane	f	scarlet fever
SMITH, Phillip	Jun#	1		R.W. & Margaret	m	dysentery
SMITH, Sarah	4/30	45		Wm. & Mary Peterson	Wm. F. Smith	dispepsy
SUMMERS, Phillip F.	11/11	1	Little Skin Cr.	Samuel & C.	m	dysentery
SPAUR, Anthony	9/2	79	Hardy		Nancy Spaur, dil	
SHOULDERS, Mary	9/16	76	Pendleton	Geo. & Mary A. Fisher	John P. Duval, sil	dysentery
SLEETH, Thos. J.	5/7	48	Freemans Cr.	Daniel & C.	B. Sleeth, s	consumption
HALTERMAN, Anderson	7/22	20	Highland Co.	George & Mary	f	consumption
ANDERSON, Josiah	11/21	24	Lewis	James & Sarah	f	pneumonia
RILEY, John	9/9	24	Ireland	John & C.	Margaret Rush, w ??	dropsey
WEST, James M.	9/11	44	Hackers Cr.	Charles & Jane	C. West, w	dysentery
WEST, Penny	9/15	10	Big Skin Cr.	James M. & C.	C. West, m	dysentery
WEST, Martha Jane	9/19	2	Big Skin Cr.	James M. & C.	C. West, m	dysentery

(4 more people died in 1855 - to be continued in next issue)

HAVE FOR SALE: 1892 thru 1923 maps of VA; WV; KY; TN; NC; PA; DE; NJ; OH; IN; IL; NY; and MI. Shows towns, counties, RR, Roads, Etc. \$1.00 per map. These are going fast, if out of your choice will refund. Send request to: Mrs. Janet Cosgrove, 15 College Ave., Buckhannon, WV 26201.

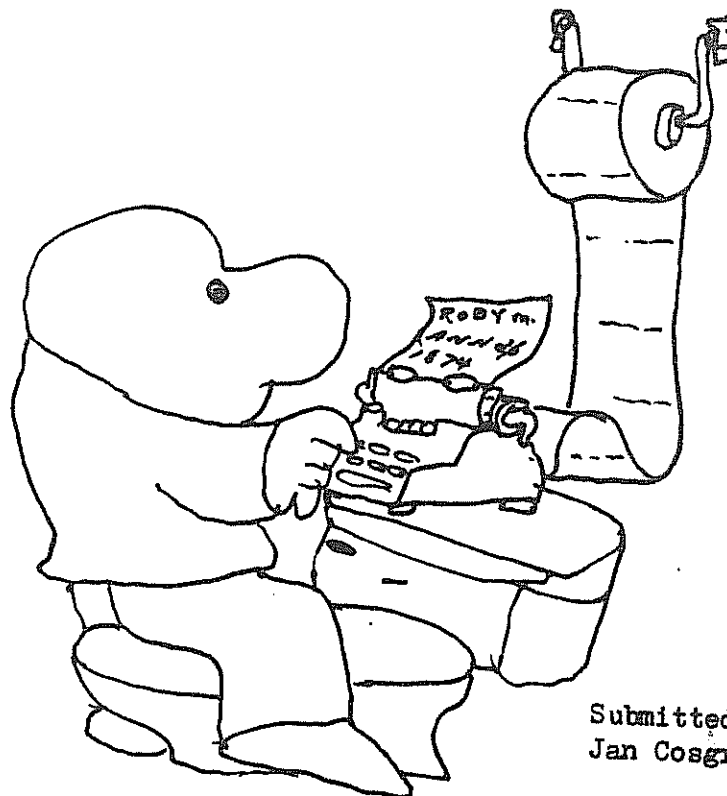
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Upshur County Researcher

I volunteer to be the official researcher in Upshur Area. Because of the number of requests I've been getting, I must ask for a stamped, self-addressed envelope with each request. Jan Cosgrove, 15 College Ave., Buckhannon, WV 26201.

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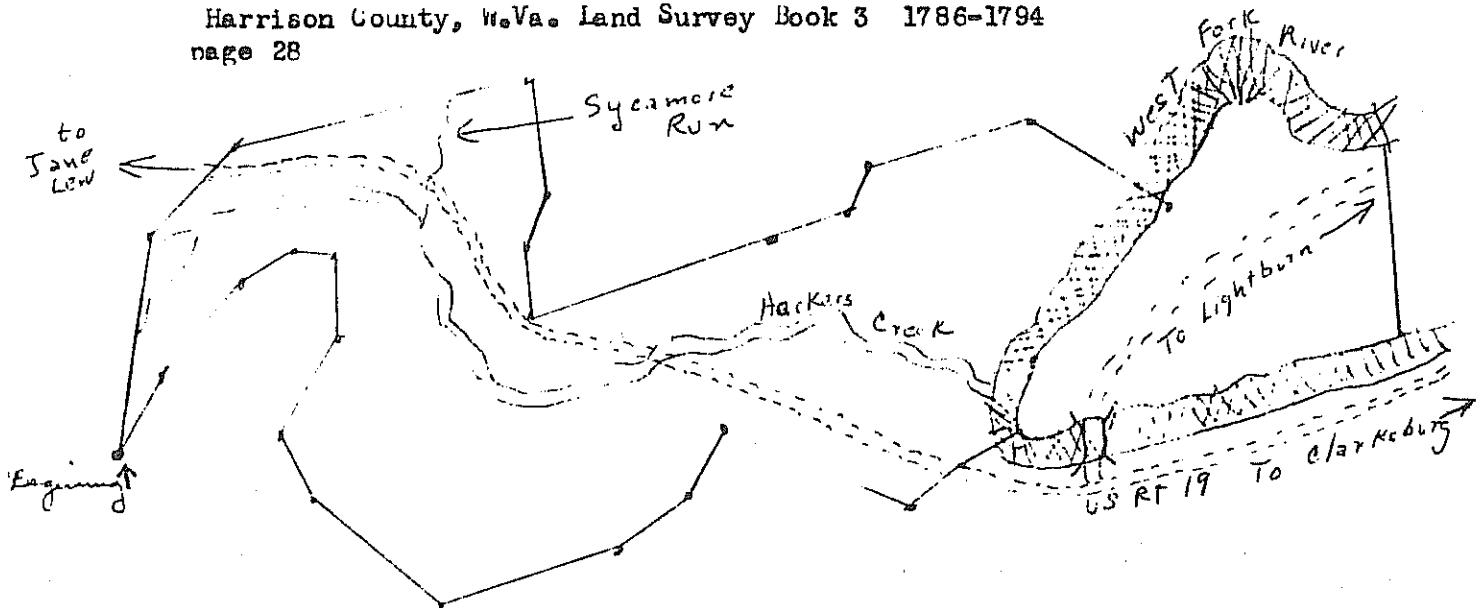
when you run out  
of paper, what's  
a person to do !!



Submitted by  
Jan Cosgrove



Harrison County, W. Va. Land Survey Book 3 1786-1794  
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22nd September 1786

Surveyed for William Lowther, heir at law to Robert Lowther, 400 acres of land in Harrison County by virtue of a certificate in right of settlement granted by the commissioners for adjusting The Titles to unpatented lands in the District of Monongalia, Yohogania and Ohio Situated on both sides of the West Fork including the mouth of Hackers Creek and his settlement made thereon and bounds as followeth viz, beginning at an Ash and running thence S57W 44 poles to an Ash, S78W 64 poles to an Ash, N79W 24 poles to a Cucumber tree, n36W 16 poles to a Black Oak, N36E 34 poles to a Beech, N66E 52 poles to a Hickory, N5E 28 poles to White Oak, N15W 74 poles to an Ash, N71W 40 poles to a Hickory, S86W 36 poles to a White Oak, S65W 34 poles to a Sugar tree, N32W93 poles to a Sugar tree, S79W 29 poles to a White Oak, N75W 17 poles to a Maple, N70W 182 crossing said Fork to a White Oak, S28W 80 poles to a Beech, S53E 22poles, S10E 54 poles, N65E 70 poles to a Chesnut on the bank of said Fork, S25E 70 poles crossing the said Fork to a Gum, S70E 76 poles to a Popular and White Oak, N55E 22 poles to a Beech, S80E 36 poles to a Beech, S71E 112 to a White Oak and Gum, S30W 32 poles to a Hickory, S60W 26 poles to a White Oak, S26W 50 poles to a White Oak, S67E 140 poles to a Maple, N73E 56 poles to two Elms, corner to lands of Jereiah Stratton, N43E 97 poles, crossing said Creek to the Beginning.

variation 30 min East

Jonathan Cobun, assist to  
Wm. Haymond

pg 35 13 Oct 1786

Henry Flesher s/o Peter assignee of William Lowther, 112 acres on West Fork adjoining Lowther on upper side on Hacker's Creek.

Surveyed by Jonathan Cobun

Submitted by Hartzel Strader.

Deed - William Lowther to William Thornhill. The deed was witnessed by Job Hughes and James Tanner. James Tanner was Jesse Hughes father-in-law. Harrison County, W. Va., Deed Book 1, Page 576. Submitted by a Lowther Descendant.

October Court 1783 The following Bill of Sale from William Lowther  
to William Townshill, dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October  
1783, all more by these presents that William Lowther of the  
Virginia County and State of Virginia have purchased and sold unto  
William Townshill of the same place a certain tract or land con-  
taining four hundred acres lying and being situate by the side of  
Creek, beginning at a point between the said William Townshill  
and the Hundred land of the same extending up towards head on  
North, thence said Creek with it to the said side of the said  
Creek by the town to the said transfer and lot over all  
my right in the said land and interest of the same situated  
and situate on the said side of the said Creek (head for the  
same, the said land) extending it from me my heirs or assigns  
the person that shall say Right or claim in the said  
of the said land for the consideration of me the said  
Thirty five Virginia Currency to me in hand as Witness my  
hand and seal this Twentieth day of June 1783

Sign & Sealed in  
Presence of us

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John Hughes  
James "Dinner" T.

James W. Foster

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5. Jonathan H. was b. 1789 and his death date is unknown. He married Bridget Runyan 13 Oct 1812 with George Towers officiating in a marriage recorded in Harrison County. In 1813 this Wolfe branch became the first settler of Spencer, Roane County, W. Va.; they took up their abode under a shelving rock where Spencer now stands.
  6. David - no information.
  7. Thomas (1786 - 12 June 1853) married Phebe Taylor on 23 Feb 1806. Phebe was a daughter of John Taylor. The marriage is recorded in Harrison County, W. Va.
  8. Jane (Elizabeth) m. Jacob Starcher      th.
  9. Andrew Franklin, born in 1809, married Lydia Smith.
  10. Nancy, born 1808 (?), married a Miller.
  11. John, on whom we have no dates, married Barbara Wolfe.
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#### 1898 Wolfe Letter

Transcript of a letter written by a son or daughter (letter unsigned) of Abraham Wolfe. This letter is in the files of Robert Moore of Athens, Ga., and was given to Charles Harper by Helen Harp, sister of Robert Moore.

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March 15, 1898

My grandfather Wolfe's (Abraham Sr. and wife Emily Boswell) Grandfather Wolfe (Jacob Wolfe was born in Cornwall of Dutch descent, and married a woman of Irish descent, and his grandfather & Grandmother, on his mother's side were both of Irish descent and from Ireland.

His Grandfather Wolfe's name was Jacob. His Grandfather Wolfe raised a family of 11 children, 8 boys and 3 girls. Boy's names were David, John, Jacob, Andrew, Jonathan, Abraham, Thomas, and the girls names were Mollie, Elizabeth and Nancy. Elizabeth married a Riggen. Mollie, the oldest, married a Bush, and Nancy, the youngest married a Miller. Jacob married but raised no children, the woman whom he married was (Waggoner) captured by the Indians when a girl.

Jonathan married a woman by the name of Runion and raised two children, David married a Cutright, Thomas married a Dutch woman. Jacob's woman's name was Wagner. All raised large families with the exceptions of the two I have mentioned. His Grandfather Wolfe came to Lewis County, in what is now W. Va., and was among the first settlers of that county. Abraham was the youngest, Jacob the older and Jonathan next to Abraham. James was also one of his grandfather's children.

His father's name was James and he married a Beathe. Her name was Fanny. He was married in Lewis Co. His wife was of Irish descent, they raised 11 children, Rebecca, George, Peggy, Abraham, Nancy, Catharine, Thomas, Joseph, Mary, Jacob, and James. All born in Lewis

County with the exception of the three younger which were born in Jackson Co.

James, his wife and 8 children came to this county\* in 1821 in October, a very dry fall. His uncle's Jacob and Thomas came through with him and then went back. His father settled on the waters of Mill Creek near Mt. Olive Church and purchased land in a year after his settlement. He traded farms afterward and moved to Elk Fork of Big Mill Creek. When he came here this county was almost a wilderness, with deer, bear, wild cats and wolves were plentiful. As his father did in the fall he would spend about a month in hunting, by which he procured his meat and got plenty to sell which he would carry to Charleston on a horse and wagon only a path to travel by.

When his father and his family came, here they came through by horse back and carried all they brought with them and also carried their provisions with them to last them through the winter.

My Grandfather (Abraham Sr.) had to go to Point Pleasant and to (Letart?)\*\* one time, to each place to muster each year. The first courts held in this county, were held close to where John Greer now lives. My Grandfather used to have to attend court at Point Pleasant.

What few citizens that lived here at the time Grandfather came here, put in their principal time in hunting and sports of different kinds - horse racing and dancing and drinking on Sunday. His mother died about 1843 and is buried close to Mt. Olive church on the waters of Mill Creek and his father married a Strayley by the name of Tena and raised one child by his last wife by the name of Lewis Wolfe. His father died between 1850-1860 and is buried on Elk Fork waters of Big Mill Creek. Grandfather Wolfe was married to Emily Boswell in 1833, Nov 26 on Parchment below the forks of the creek a small distance. Lived on Mill Creek a year and then came back to his father-in-law's and, he bought land about a mile and a half above the fork's of the creek and moved there in the fall of

Their children's name's were Willy, Nehemiah, Virginia, Mason, Margaret, Mary Jane, Birdie, Abraham, John, and America. The oldest one died about 4 weeks after he was born in 1837. Grandmother died in April 1868. Grandfather was married again to Jemema Kessel.

Boswell's were of English descent. Grandmother Wolfe's parents names were Gilbert and Elizabeth Boswell from Virginia. They raised 11 children of which 5 are living at this time.

My Grandfather Wolfe's grandfather Wolfe lived on Hacker's Creek in Lewis County and has to go frequently five miles to a fort to escape the scalping knife of the Indians.

Uncle George Wolfe married a woman by the name of Crites. Uncle Jacob married Sallie Boswell. Aunt Peggy married Isaac Crites, Aunt Nancy married Elija Baker, Aunt Katie married a Wallander, Aunt Mary married an Armstrong and a brother to Jacob Armstrong. Uncle Jacob married first time a Seares and the second time a Strayley. Uncle Thurman married a Garner. Uncle Joseph married Elizabeth Alkire. Uncle Lewis Wolfe, Grandfather's half brother, married Janie Welsh. All the children are dead at this writing except three boys and one girl, and Lewis Wolfe - a half brother.

\* - Jackson County \*\*Meigs Co., Oh.

QUERIES

Our members are interested in the research of other members and wonder what the outcome of the various queries are. If the inquirers come up with their answers, we'd appreciate hearing about it and will publish them in the next issue. Please send a note to Joy and tell her that it is a Query Answer.

The next issue will be published in July. Queries for that issue should be sent to Joy not later than July 1. Please submit on a 3x5 card.

1. Need info on James (J.H.) FREEMAN, d. Feb 1890. First wife Martha DAVIDSON. Second wife's name unknown but her son was Dan. James and Martha had 3 sons: Henry; Samuel William b. 17 June 1858, d. 17 Feb 1923; and John. Mrs. Orville FREEMAN, 500 W. Jefferson, Medicine Lodge, KS 67104.
2. Need info on John CLINE, SR. (Johann KLEIN in early marr. bonds). Was in Lewis Co. by at least 1801. Tradition says he was Hessian soldier. Children: George m. Ruth McCANN 1808; Joseph m. Sarah McCAN 1817; John Jr. m. Betty MONEYPENNY, 1818; Elizabeth m. John BURK 1814. Harris K. JENSEN 9019 Liptonshire Dr., Dallas, TX 75238 PE 694-348-8669
3. Page 370, McWHORTER's Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia, William Granville HACKER in correspondence with DRAPER refers to "Aunt Math Bonnett" and "Aunt Mary Wolf". How were these women related to HACKER? Cris WAGONER, 2060 West 41st St., Casper, WY 82604.
4. George STRALEY, b. 30 Jul 1859, d. 10 Mar 1904, m. Rosa Elvis SILLS, b. 24 Mar 1871. Issue: Fannie b. 9 Oct 1887; George I. "Topsy" b. 19 Jan 1887; Nancie b. 16 Feb 1890. Rosa Elvis (SILLS) STRALEY m. 2nd time to D.S. GROCE. Issue: Walter, b. 26 June 1906; John b. 15 Feb 1908; Mary Belle b. 12 Mar 1910; Effie b. 9 July 1912. Who was this George STRALEY? His first daughter was married in Indiana. Rosa Elvis m. 2nd time in Missouri. May STRALEY WHITE, 5 Northport Ave., Belfast, ME 04915.
5. Need info on Arnold RICHARDS who with his brother Paul was killed by the Indians August 1782 near Richards Fort. I would particularly like to know his wife's maiden name and anything at all about the family. Brenice LINGER, 503 Maple Dr., Weston, WV 26452
6. Seek info about Presley HAMILTON. He and his family moved from Fauquier Co., Va., to Harrison County, (W) Va. by 1808. His dau. Elizabeth (1802-1877) m. Joseph STRALEY (1796-1849) 30 Apr 1818 in Lewis Co. I have numerous deeds for Presley HAMILTON, he owned land on Hacker's Creek. Will share. Also

seek parents of Christina LANTZ (1745-1820), wife of Christian STRALEY (1742-1818), and proof of LANTZ-STRALEY marriage. Keith W. PARRISH, 524A 8th Street S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003.

7. My grandfather, Aaron Bell YOUNG, owned a 142-acre farm on HERRON RUN of Hacker's Creek, Lewis Co., which he sold on 1 Oct 1869. Seek location of Herron Run, unable to locate on large map of Lewis County. Think my great-grandfather William D. YOUNG may be buried in a small graveyard near there. He d. 1845, but unable to locate grave. Donald B. YOUNG, 704 Mineral Rd., Glenville, WV 26351.
8. Who were the parents of Nancy SWISHER b. 10 Feb 1794 d. 6 Apr 1840? She was first wife of Jesse G. LOWTHER. Their first child Rebecca b. 31 Aug 1812. I have found no marriage record. Birth, deaths each from BIBLE record. Margie KEIFFER, PO Box 164, Enterprise, W. Va. 26568.
9. Isaac N. ALLMAN, d 4 Apr 1891, aged 56 yrs, 5m, 17 ds. Need his parents and grandparents names, birthdates and death dates. Need same data for his wife Nancy Catherine ALLMAN, who was born 29 Nov 1835, d. 22 Oct 1912. Also her maiden name? Maurice L. ALLMAN, Rt. 2 Box 264 D, Philippi, WV 26416. PH: 304-457-4170.
10. Perry Green was a common given name for male residents of Hacker's Creek. Why? John SLEETH SR. family BIBLE said to be in hands of David and Sarah (HACKER) SMITH in 1834. Is there a SMITH descendant w/ knowledge of this BIBLE? Also have obtained copies of Jonathan HACKER Bible from Mormon Church. Does anyone know location of original? Joy GILCHRIST, 2863 Farmington Circle, SW, Canton, Oh 44706.
11. Thomas HOUSTON mailed a letter from "Keath's Post Office" (Keith ??), Collins Valley (prob. Collins Settlement) which is now Jacksonville, Lewis County, W. Va. in 1835. He was there visiting relatives and had decided to come to Indiana to be with some or all of his children. Thomas HOUSTON m. a McCLUNG and is buried Rush Co., Ind. Seek any info on this man whom I believe to be my g.g. grandfather. Virginia KETCHUM, P.O. Box 423, Rushville, Ind. 46173.
12. Searching for ancestry of Elizabeth EDMUNDS FLESHER b. ca 1807 and m. 5 Dec 1825 Lewis County to John FLESHER. It appears she is a sister to John EDMUNDS who m. Hannah STRALEY and are maybe children of John and Elisabeth EDMUNDS. Would appreciate any help verifying aforementioned and additional ancestry. Leonard DAVIS, Rt. 2, Box 390, Berkeley Springs, W. Va. 25411.

13. Seek descendants of James HORNBECK (1823-???) and Deborah SQUIRES (1826-????). James was s/o Moses and Mary (LIGHT) HORNBECK and Deborah was d/o John and Mary (FORTNEY) SQUIRES. Children of James and Deborah HORNBECK: Benjamin m. Dorcas TENNEY in 1878; William m. Catherine TENNEY in 1881; Asa m. Catherine WETHERHULTZ in 1888; John W. m. Nevada LANHAM in 1888; Harriet m. Perry CUTRIGHT in 1866; Octava C. m. Abram TENNEY in 1880; Martha Ann m. Paul H. SCOTT in 1878; Mary Jane m. Peter SCOTT in 1875 and Sarah C. m. Wm. M. MILLER in 1874. All marriages in Upshur County, W. Va. Marian Challenger, 222 So. 13th Ave., Bozeman, Montana 59715.
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Correspondence from Ruth Flesher Robb

I would like, at this time, to correct an erroneous statement about my having done research on Alkire. Strange as it may seem, I have recently been getting letters on Alkire and I tell them all the same thing: that I have done no research per se on Alkire, but will be glad to pass on any Alkire records that I have and were simply gathered up along the way as I was researching other names.

Flesher is another story. I have spent much time over the past 20 years researching this family, and have been lucky in some respects. However, when applying recently for membership in the DAR, it was necessary to go in on a maternal line because I couldn't document some of the Flesher records in my possession. I am still hopeful, however, that some proof that I need will come to light.

/s/Ruth Flesher Robb  
131 West North Avenue  
Lombard, Illinois 60148

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Correction on Linger Story

Received a letter from Howard Bonnett. He pointed out an error in the LINGER write-up (Vol. I, Issue 3, pg. 50) about Samuel BONNETT's wife being Elizabeth LORENTZ. He is not sure of that. I had gotten it from one of his newsletters and seemed reasonable to me.

/s/Hartzel Strader  
818 Althea Dr.  
Miamisburg, Oh 45342

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ADDENDUM FROM Joy

The other 48 pages of this issue of the Journal are typed and mimeographed. I have learned a lot - about stencils and about the machine. There may be a page or two in your issue that is not well-centered. These were operational problems and have been corrected. It cost almost \$300 to print Issue 3; this issue with 10 more pages

will cost less than \$100. We think the savings are worth it. How about you?

Betty and I have been asked about printing schedule and our year. We decided that the year should run from October 1 to October 1, i.e., anyone who pays dues anytime between October 1, 1982 and October 1, 1983, will receive all issues of the Journal published during that time with the exception of Issue 1 which was the program from the first Gathering. Because we have called The Program Issue 1, there will be 5 issues in this Volume. Our publication schedule is: October, January, April and July. Items for publication in each issue should be sent to us not later than the first day of the month of publication.

Joy

Income Statement - Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Gathering  
October 17, 1982 - March 31, 1983

Dues and Program Sales	\$1275.00
Postage and Printing	94.14
Balance Of October 1982 collection	51.00
Interest Income (First Federal Savings)	77.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1506.67</b>
Less Disbursements	
Printing	\$ 430.61
Postage	271.24
Copies and Office Supplies	41.28
3 Files	74.64
1 Used Copy Machine*	175.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 992.77</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$513.90</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
First Federal Savings	\$513.90
3 Files	74.64
1 Used Copy Machine*	175.00
1 Used Mimeograph Machine (donated)	100.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$863.54</b>

\*Joy and Betty decided to go ahead with this purchase because of the large savings on Issue 4. Joy has not yet picked up the machine because of her schedule. She hopes to go to Salem, Oh., for it sometime in the next week. (Apr. 11, 1982 we received a \$50 donation toward its purchase from a W. Va. member.)

/s/ Betty Graybill

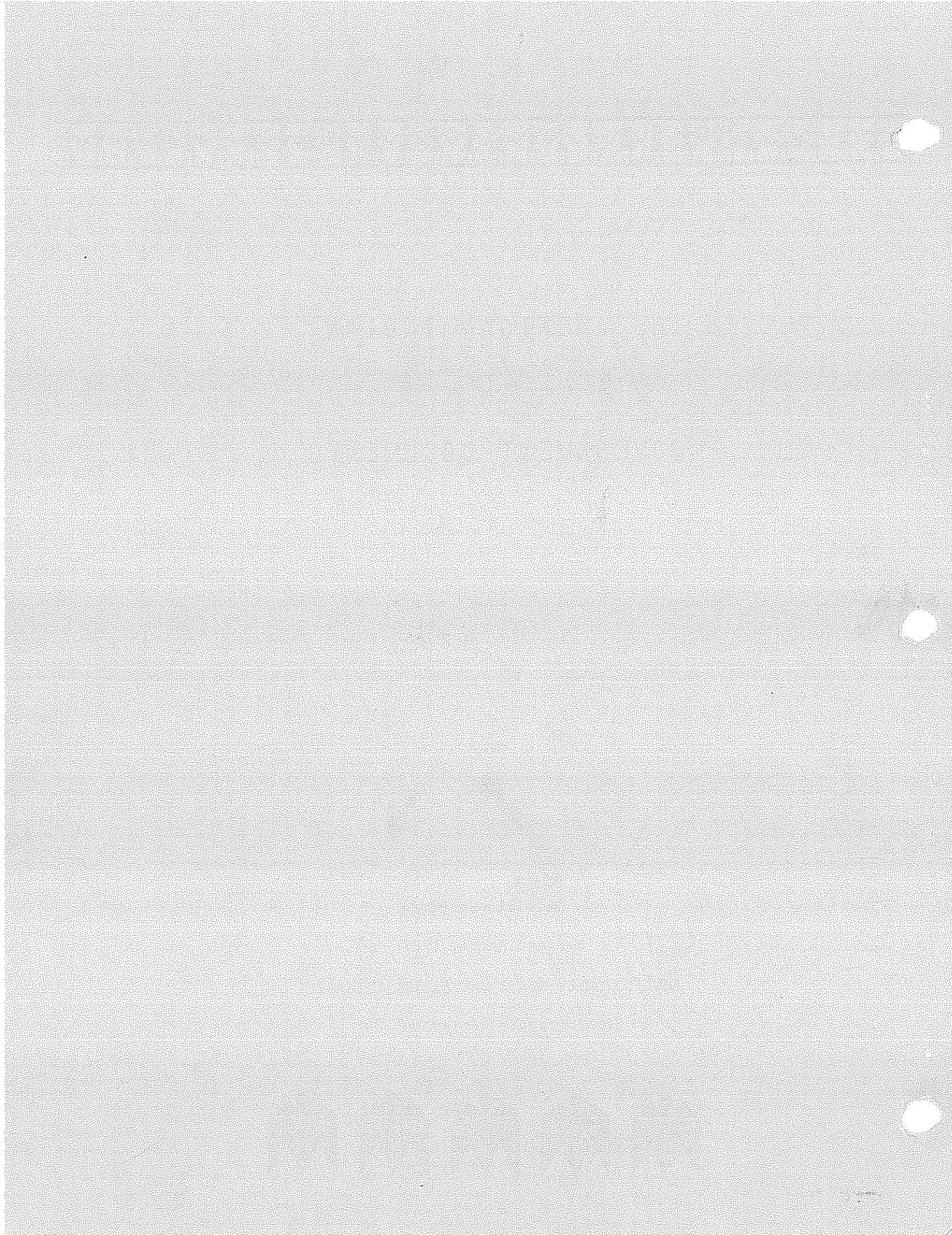


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LETTER FROM JOY

Dear Fellow Pioneers:

Plans for the upcoming gathering are moving along at a rapid pace. We have lots of reservations and it looks like it will be an enjoyable weekend for everyone. If you have not made reservations for lodging or meals, but would still like to attend, pack a lunch and come along and join us. The more the merrier!!!!

I'm still looking for someone to help re-type Issue 3. I've found indexers for all of Volume I. Hopefully, the index will be to you by reunion time.

We're settled in our new home - at last. There's plenty of room for company if any of you happen to be passing through on I-77 or I-70. We'd love to have you.

Our membership is still growing by leaps and bounds. Consequently, our requests for back issues has exhausted our supply. We are in the process of trying to correct the situation and hope that our new members will bear with us. In an effort to keep this from happening again, we are printing 200 copies of this issue.

For those of you who do not get "The Hillbilly", Lola's Sleeth Family was reprinted in it in August 1983.

We're sorry for the delay in this issue - it's a couple of weeks late - but I've had too many irons in the fire.

A brief note for the new members who receive the reprinted issues of 2 & 3. The spacing is not quite the same as in the original issues, but the contents are on the same pages so that the index will be good for those issues as well as the original ones. Our type size changed between off-set printing and mimeographing.

At last year's gathering, we had some problems with books being misplaced. PLEASE be sure that books and papers which you bring with you are clearly marked with your name and address. We've all invested a lot of time and money in our various family trees - and, in some cases, papers are irreplaceable.

Looking forward to seeing each and every one of you on October 1 and 2 at Jackson's Mill. Have a safe journey.

See ya' there -

JOY  
Joy L. Gilchrist

SOME INTERESTING COMMUNICATIONS

Recent mail has brought some interesting and exciting communications and show the many ways people are learning about our organization. We want to share a couple of them with you.

July 13, 1983

Dear Betty:

Please find enclosed my check for membership in the Hacker's Creek Descendants Group. My name is Ronald Gloy Lawson, and my address is 1373 St. Joseph Circle, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085.

I am absolutely delighted to be able to join your organization and look forward to being able to join a future gathering some October. How I came to learn about the group is really unusual and more than coincidental.

I've been tracing my ancestors for about three years, since I was given a family Bible by my father Royce Burke Lawson. Listings in the Bible went back to my great-great grandfather Henry Cornelius Lawson. That wasn't far enough back for me, however, so I kept digging. I wasn't able to find much, because of lack of time to research and my distance from West Virginia, until my grandmother, Bertha (Burke) Lawson, wife of William Gloy Lawson, told me to go see Mrs. R. F. (Mildred) Pringle on Laurel Lick. So off I went to meet Midred, and my wife and I were amazed what she knew about the Lawson's. The most amazing thing she told us was about my great-great-great grandfather, William M. Lawson, Jr., and his wife Nancy Myers. They were the ones who came to Laurel Lick in 1842 and bought land, stayed and raised 18 children. Mildred knew all of the children's names and told us where William, Jr. is buried on the old farm near the end of Laurel Lick on property now owned by Arno Gould. The family cemetery is grown over, but we found it. William is buried there along with seven of his children that died young plus several children of people that lived and worked on William's farm. I have not, however, been able to confirm that William's wife, Nancy, is buried there also.

Mildred told me that William and Nancy came to Laurel Lick from Harrison County near Brushy Fork and Beard's Run. Sure enough, we learned later that she was right. After that, we were able to put bits and pieces together, but I still wasn't able to trace the Lawson's any further back than William and Nancy.

This summer we came back to West Virginia and decided to check the courthouses in Clarksburg and Weston. While in Clarksburg, we met Benjamin Mitchell, one of your members, and he helped us a lot with our digging in courthouse records and got us back two more generations to William Lawson, Sr. and his wife Rebecca Grigsby, and on back to John Lawson and his wife Rebecca Smith. But then we ran out of time and I still didn't know which ancestor had come to this country nor when. Mr.

Mitchell also told us about the group and the gathering this coming October -- God bless him for his help.

We then went to see Mildred Pringle again to tell her what we had learned. She was as excited as we were with everything. When I told her about the group, she told us she knew all about it and had been excitedly waiting to show me the first four issues of the Journal. As we sat there talking, I started looking through the "program" issue and saw the name Rubert Lawson. I asked Mildred if she knew Rubert, and she said she did; but she didn't think he was a relation of mine. BUT when I started reading what he had to say about his ancestors, I nearly fell off of my chair! There, in black and white, were names I was familiar with including John and Rebecca. Rubert not only had the names, but knew that John was the Lawson that came to this country and how, after landing in Charleston, South Carolina, had come to settle in what is now Harrison County. To top everything else, Rubert now lives in Sturgis, Michigan, just one hour from where I live!

I have been in contact with him, and we are going to get together real soon to share information. Some people would probably say all of this has been a coincidence, but crazy or not, I think old William and Nancy were looking out for me and arranged all this.

Then on top of everything else, on our last morning in West Virginia, we went to the Lewis County Courthouse to dig a little more. While there, we ran into Joy Gilchrist and her husband and son. See what I mean - all of what happened that week couldn't have been a coincidence. I'm looking forward to learning more about the Lawson's if anyone can help, and I will be glad to share everything I have learned with whoever might be interested. Good luck with the group and Journal and keep up the excellent work.

Sincerely yours,  
Ronald Gloy Lawson

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Benny Mitchell has been one of our bright and shining stars! His smiling face has greeted more than one HCPD'er in the record room at the Harrison County Courthouse. Thanks, Benny, for spreading the word. Mrs. Pringle has also shared her wealth of knowledge with our members on more than one occasion. Thanks to her, too.

Ron, William and Nancy certainly must have been looking over your shoulder. I only had two hours to visit in Weston that day. Joy

July 11, 1983

Dear Mrs. Graybill,

It is difficult to introduce myself, because my story is quite lengthy but fascinating. I was adopted within two days of my birth, May 18, 1947 in Kokomo, Indiana. My natural mother was Mildred Bernice Cox of Kokomo, Indiana. I regret I never had the opportunity to meet her and talk with her. But I was informed of her death last year, July 2, 1982, in Elkhart, Indiana. I went to the funeral home and during the funeral days, I met my two half-brothers, and my three half-sisters (we all had the same mother, but different fathers). Since then, we have become great friends, a family!

In our South Bend Tribune's Genealogical Column of July 3, 1983, I came across the announcement of "The Second Annual Hacker's Creek (W.Va) Pioneer Descendants Gatherings" on October 1 and 2, 1983.

My natural mother had begun a Genealogy Book of our family. I have this book and I will be continuing to gather information for it. I have gathered some information and one piece of information gives me the idea that we are Hacker Descendants.

The following obituary article is this information. We believe this gentleman was our great-grandmother's grandfather. If you can confirm this or give us further information on the Hackers, please send it to me.

"A Noted Mason Dead - The Demise of William Hacker at a ripe old age. Shelbyville, Indiana - July 29, 1891.

William Hacker died today, aged ninety-two. No man was better known in the masonic fraternity than William Hacker, who has been an active member for fifty-nine years.

In the year 1498 so far as is now known, his line of descent commenced at the birth of Wilhelm Heckardt, near the city of Dresden in Saxony. The descendants of Hacker fled to Holland and thence, in 1725, to America. They settled in Virginia and in 1773 John Hacker, father of the subject of this sketch was born in a block house on the west fork of the Monongahela. In 1809 John and his family moved to what was then known as the Big Darby plains in Ohio, and on Dec. 5, 1810, William Hacker was born.

He lived with his parents until he was seventeen, during which time he went in winter to school and obtained a common education. In 1839 he and Miss May Ann Sargent of Pennsylvania were united in marriage. He came with his father to Shelby county in 1833 and has resided here ever since. In 1838 he embarked in the mercantile business and continued in it five years. In 1843 he assisted in the organization of a railroad company, became its secretary and superintended the construction of the road.

He was made a mason by St. John Lodge, No. 14, in Dayton, O, in July 9, 1832, and has been an officer in the various grades of the order ever since, having gone entirely through and completely mastered the craft. He became a member of the grand lodge of Indiana in 1835 and served as its grand master and grand secretary for two and three years respectfully.

He became a member of the Grand Chapter of Indiana in 1848 and assisted in its labors every session since. He served four years as grand high Priest and three years as grand secretary. He assisted in the organization of the Grand Council of Indiana in 1855 and served six years as its grand master and three years as its grand recorder. He also assisted in the organization of the grand commandery of knights templars of Indiana in 1854 and filled every station in that body from recorder to grand commander. For the past twenty-four years he has been annually placed at the head of the committee on jurisprudence in all those bodies.

He became a member of the general grand chapter and grand encampment of the United States at Hartford, Conn., in 1856 and held an office in those bodies twelve years.

He joined the methodist episcopal church in 1825 and has lived a consistent Christian to his death."

I would appreciate more information on the Oct. 1,2 festivities (special room rate? which motel? and are there other motels in the area) and the banquet information.

At this moment, I would love to attend the Gathering. I am a full time teacher and I have two children and a husband, but if arrangements can be made, I may join in the festivities.

Please reply and send the above information on the weekend festivities as soon as possible. If I am unable to be with you, I may be interested in the quarterly and a newsletter that you publish.

Thank you and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Joyce E. Chambers (Mrs. James M. Chambers)

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First, a big THANKS to the unidentified member of HCPD who submitted the gathering information to the Tribune. Other correspondence indicates that the same party submitted the same info to the Indianapolis Star. We've had lots of correspondence as a result -- and found many more HCPDs.

Now to correct some errors in the information gathered by Joyce. William Hacker who died in 1891 was a grandson, not a son, of John and Margaret (Sleeth) Hacker, the Lewis County settler; he was a son of John and Susannah (Smith) Hacker -- with this John being the eldest son of John and Margaret. Susannah was a daughter of David and Lydia (Ball) Smith.

William Hacker (1810-1891) married Mary Ann Sargent (1817-1902) 20 Jan 1839 in Shelbyville, Ind. They had the following children: Clara Belle who m. J.A. Conroy; Caroline Amanda; Frances M.; William A.; Thomas; Laura M.; and Eliza.

It should also be noted that William was the author of the Hacker Manuscripts (See Vol. 1 - Issue 2).



Donations to HCPD Library

The following donations have been made to the HCPD Library.

Lantz Genealogy, J.W. Lantz, 1931

Donated by Charles and May (Straley) White of Belfast, Me.

James A. Robey Diary - A Sketch of Facts on his trip to  
Indiana

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Index - The Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia, compiled by  
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1900 Lewis County Census -- with maiden names of wives, compiled by  
Ann Newman

Donated by Ann Newman of Buckhannon, W. Va.

If any of our members wish to have anything checked in any of our library  
sources, please send question w/ stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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1900 LEWIS COUNTY CENSUS

The 1900 Lewis County, W. Va., census has been compiled by Ann Newman of  
Buckhannon. Not only does this excellent work contain all the information which  
appeared on the 1900 census, but it also includes the maiden names of the wives  
in most cases. The names arranged alphabetically and there is an index to the  
maiden names. The census is soft-bound.

200 copies have been published by Ann and her husband Jay. They are available  
for \$16.50 per copy, postage paid, and may be ordered by writing to: Mrs. Jay  
Newman, PO Drawer C, Buckhannon, W. Va. 26201

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Lewis County Marriages

Delmer Hite of Statts Mills, W. Va., informs us that the West Augusta  
Historical Society, 2515 10th Ave., Parkersburg, W. Va. 26101, has published  
the Lewis County Marriages. They were for sale for \$11.50.

We do not know if they are still available, but for those interested it  
might be worth 20¢.



JOHN TURNER SMITH'S DIARY

John Turner Smith was the son of the Rev. John Smith and his wife, the former Mary "Polly" Swisher. This excerpt from his diary was copied from the original diary in 1979 by Harold E. Smith of Kerrville, Texas. His father was the Wilson in the story. When Harold was young, Wilson would tell what happened and explain that the mentioned gun was a breechloader and the children were familiar with "muzzle-loaders". This gun had no outside percussion cap for the hammer to strike, so they thought the gun was safe. How wrong they were!

"Dec. 28  
1900

I want to state something that happened in 1886 which I never found out until today. At that time I was living on my farm two miles South of Burns, in Butler county Kansas. Some men came past my place on Sunday and stopped during a rain storm and as it was raining when they left, they left a shot gun at my house. Some time during the week my youngest boy, Wilson age 9 and my youngest daughter Myrtie age 12, were left alone for the day. (Their mother died two years earlier.) As they were fond of playing they took the gun and played shooting hogs, by snapping it at each other, letting on that they were butchering. Keeping it up for some time thinking it fun. After awhile they began to tire of their play. Myrtie, said to Wilson, 'we must kill two more hogs a piece and then quit such work for the folks will be at home soon.' She then took the gun and cocked it and took aim at Wilson's head when he said, 'Myrtie that looks too dangerous' and stepped aside. She then said, 'I will kill the dog.' She then aimed at the dog, pulled the trigger and killed the dog. The gun had been loaded but they did not know it. This has been kept a secret from me up to the present time."

In 1906 John Turner Smith entered this story in a contest conducted by the "Kansas Farmers Mail and Breeze" and won second prize. The little girl, Myrtie, lived until 1904. Wilson died in 1957.

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Other Cemeteries - Cont.

Sammy Run; Watson Cemetery; Bush-Mills Cemetery; Hall Cemetery; Corathers Cemetery; Nester Cemetery; Rockford-Pletcher Cemetery; Brownsville Cemetery; and Leavitt Cemetery. The last 8 have been relocated to make way for the new dam.

In addition, the Old Mitchell Cemetery at the mouth of Jesses Run, the original Bethal Church Cemetery, Rockford Methodist Church Cemetery, have also be completed.

Will anyone with other cemetery readings completed please notify Roberta Hefner or Hartzel Strader so that there will not be a duplication of effort?

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Ann Davisson Walker  
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FIRST FAMILIES

This issues featured first family is that of the Collins for whom Collins Settlement was named. Written by Clarissa Tatterson, author of History and Genealogy of the Poling Family, it is the culmination of twenty three years of work by her. We present it in its entirety.

John Collins of Frederick County, Virginia  
Later of Hacker's Creek

by

Clarissa Tatterson

1982

The endless list of John Collins in this country made it almost impossible to identify and place my ancestor John Collins in the pages of history. After twenty three years of research and sorting the different John Collins, I finally was able to trace my John Collins back to Ireland where he was born about 1715.

The first record I found was in Pennsylvania where John Collins emigrated to Philadelphia. "John Collins, of Philadelphia, laborer, in consideration of 10.4 by him due and owing to Daniel Boyle of Philadelphia County yeoman, indents himself a servant to Daniel Boyle for one year and a half from this date." This was date Sept. 22, 1745. Further in the list of immigrants is listed, "Robert Wakely assigns Thomas McGuire (a servant from Ireland in the snow George) to William Caughdry for four years from Sept. 22nd, 1745 Consideration 16; customary dues." This list was the account of servants bound and assigned before John Hamilton, Mayor of Philadelphia. Thomas McGuire's emigration is mentioned here as he appears as a partner with John Collins in the list of Frederick Co., Va. Clerk's fees for the years 1744-45 for 233 pounds of tobacco. John Collins was also assessed for 620 pounds of tobacco.

Evidently, John Collins and Thomas McGuire were persuaded it was better to be a tenant farmer in Virginia, than a bound servant in Philadelphia. It was mutually beneficial to the tenants and to the large land holders such as Joist Hite, to loan them the money to pay off their bonds and move them to Winchester, Virginia. The huge, Joist Hite and John Van Meter land grants, were given by the Council of Virginia, on the basis that they would bring in settlers to Frederick County, Virginia.

John Collins prospered in Frederick County, as we next find him buying land in Hampshire County, Virginia, "a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the county of Hampshire and state of Virginia was granted to John Collins of Frederick County and state of aforesaid by patent from the right honorable Thomas Lord Fairfax in the year one thousand seven hundred and forty nine." He purchased a second tract of land from Mary Wolfe 400 acres in Hampshire County Aug. 12, 1766. John Collins also owned 133 acres on Little Ca aphon and 119 acres on the South Branch of the Potomac. These latter two tracts were sold to John Keating in 1765. He retained possession of the Fairfax grant and the Mary Wolfe tract until his death. John Collins had moved back to Frederick County, Virginia by 1766, when he bought the tract of land from Mary Wolfe. The deeds that John Collins had made

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did not have a dower signature. We can assume his wife had died before 1765. Just what took John back to Frederick County, Va., we do not know. It was not long before he was on the move again as we find him living on 300 acres of land on Morgan Run, a branch of Cheat River, 1769. John got this land by "Settlement Right."<sup>5</sup> This survey shows that John Collins' tract was adjacent to that of (Rev.) Jacob Cozad. He lived on this land until April 20, 1781, when he sold it to Samuel Lewellin. The courthouse burned in Morgantown, Virginia, in 1795 which makes the movements of John Collins very difficult to follow. Fortunately the survey books were saved.

John Collins moved to Harrison County, Virginia, prior to 1785 as he and his son George are listed in the 1785 census of Harrison County as living in the West Fork settlement.<sup>6</sup> John Collins Sr. died on Stoney Run, Hackers Creek, Harrison County, Virginia, prior to 1795 as the deed dated 1795 for the sale of the 400 acres of land in Hampshire County by John Jr. and Hannah indicates that they obtained the land from John Collins, his father deceased.<sup>7</sup>

John Collins must not be confused with the John Collins who settled in the Manor near the Indian Village (North of site of Moorefield) and that George Washinton and Thomas Lord Fairfax spent the night. He came to the colonies from England where he had been a jail keeper.

Another John Collins came from Hampshire County with a group of men to defeat the Indians at Wheeling, Virginia. They were ambushed by the Indians below Wheeling where John was wounded in the leg. He later moved to Zanesville and lived his remaining days.<sup>9</sup>

A John Collins established by law a ferry Dec. 9, 1791; at the mouth of Robinson Run.<sup>10</sup> John Collins of Frederick County was living in Harrison County at that time.

There was a John Collins who owned and operated a tavern in Uniontown, Pa. He died 1813 in Uniontown, Pa.

John Collins died without a will and his sons distributed his property without probation. The only children I can prove are his three sons Thomas, John Jr., and George. Deed records show that each of these sons received a farm.

Thomas received the patent land of 140 acres that John had bought from Thomas Lord Fairfax in 1749. The deed states that Thomas was the son and heir of John Collins.<sup>5</sup>

John Collins Jr. received the 400 acres of land that his father purchased from Mary Wolfe. The deed states, "being the land that was originally granted by Patent by the late Lord Fairfax to Mary Nisewanger (late Mary Wolfe) bearing the 21th day of November A.D. 1757 and which was afterwards conveyed by the said Mary Wolfe to John Collins de'd, father of the said John."<sup>1</sup>

George Collins received the home place of John Collins Sr. on Stoney Run, Lewis County, Virginia. The deed sale does not mention how George obtained the property.<sup>20</sup> George's Revolutionary War record states that he settled on his father's farm 1791.

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I. Thomas Collins

Thomas Collins, the father of Daniel, immigrated from Ireland with his parents as an infant.<sup>8</sup> He married about 1774 Elizabeth Sprigge Cresap, daughter of Col. Daniel and Ruth (Swearingen) Cresap. He died in 1820 in Hampshire County, Virginia, where his will is recorded.<sup>4</sup>

Thomas served in the Revolutionary War in Virginia. The deed records in Hampshire County show that he was a planter. He served as County Commissioner.<sup>19</sup> Thomas had the following children:<sup>12</sup>

1. Charity b. 1776 m. Abraham Johnston. Their children:

- a. Emily Ruth m. Luther M. Dawson
- b. Edwin
- c. Elizabeth
- d. Mary died young
- e. Alexander
- f. Mary Anna

2. Daniel (one son Charles)<sup>8</sup>

3. John

4. Thomas b. 1779 m. Elizabeth Tomlinson. He was a Colonel of Militia, Hampshire Co., Va. Children:

- a.. Thomas
- b. Mary ann m. Mr. Neal
- c. Lavinia Marth b. 1819 m. 1839 Alexander King
- d. Elizabeth m. Harden Neal
- e. Samuel Tomlinson b. 1825 d. 1838

5. Jenny m. Jones

6. Cassandra m. Callahan Their children:

- a. John
- b. Jenny
- c. Charity
- d. Cassandra

II. John Collins Jr.

John Collins Jr. was born about 1750 in Frederick County, Virginia. The Collins moved to Monongalia County, Virginia, in 1769 where John Sr. got 300 acres by "Settlement Right." The survey of this tract of land on Morgan Run, forks of Cheat River shows (Rev.) Jacob Cozad III adjacent to John Collins' land.<sup>5</sup> It was here that John Collins Jr. won Rev. Jacob Cozad's daughter Hannah for his wife. They were married about 1771 by Hannah's father or by Rev. Isaac Sutton, founder of the Great Bethel Baptist Church at Uniontown, Pa. This church sponsored the organization of the Forks of the Cheat River Baptist Church on Nov. 5, 1775. Rev. Jacob Cozad was a brother-in-law to Isaac Sutton. There is a tradition in the Fork of Cheat River Baptist Church, that there was a huge oak tree that stood where the church stands today. It was called the "marriage tree." Perhaps John

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and Hannah were married under this tree.

Shortly after they were married they left for N.J., they lived there about fifteen years during which time Hannah's grandfather Rev. David Sutton died.<sup>15</sup> John and Hannah were the only witnesses to his will in 1775. How long John and Hannah lived in New Jersey we don't know but they were in Fayette County, Pa., 1786 as Elizabeth was born there.<sup>18</sup> They lived with Hannah's sister Mary (Cozad) Cutler while in Fayette Co., Pa.

The next we learn of them, they were living at the mouth of Big Buffalo on West Fork River. He bought the land in Sept. 23, 1785, and moved sometime later.<sup>13</sup>

John Collins Jr. and his sons Cornelius,<sup>14</sup> Jacob, and Isaac established the Collins settlement in Harrison Co., Va. 1797, (now Walkersville in Lewis County) on 50 acres tracts of land given to them for a cent, by George Jacson on the condition they would move on the property and remain until the settlement was permanently established. They moved from his farm on Big Buffalo in Harrison County to the settlement in the winter 1797-98 and remained there until about 1817 when the family with the exception of his son Issac S. and daughter Elizabeth Burnside moved to Salem Township, Warren County, Ohio.

John Collins Jr. died about 1835. The last record we have of Hannah is 1828 when John and Hannah sold their farm in Warren Co., Ohio. John Jr. was replaced as guardian of his son George's children by the probate court after his death.<sup>16</sup> He is buried in the abandoned cemetery where the Rossburg Methodist Episcopal Church formerly stood.

John and Hannah (Cozad) Collins descendants:<sup>18</sup>

1. Cornelius b. ca 1772 in N.J. m. (1) Eleanor Richards March 20, 1794, in Harrison Co., Va. m. (2) Nancy Keith. Went to Xenia, Ohio.
  - a. Samuel G. lived in Troy, Miami Co., Ohio in 1890.
2. Jacob b. Sept 11, 1773, in N.J. m. (1) March 25, 1795, in Harrison Co., Va., Mary Ellsworth. Mary died 1821 in Warren Co., Oh. m. (2) 17 May 1825 in Lewis Co., Va., Floranda Beeman. Jacob d. March 7, 1837. Bu. Craig Cemetery on Henry Kipp farm, Warren Co., Oh. Children:
  - a. Mercy b. Dec 1795 Lewis Co., Va. d. before Jan. 13, 1837, as Jacob Collins mentions his heirs.
  - b. Elizabeth b. ca 1797 Lewis Co., Va. m. Jones
  - c. Levi b. Nov. 11, 1799, Lewis Co., Va. m. Elizabeth Snell in Warren Co., Ohio. They moved 1830 to Shelby Co., Ind. where he died and Elizabeth died in Troy, Miami Co., Ohio in 1830. Levi is buried in Sand Hill Cemetery, Shelby Co., Ind. m. (2) Nancy Sleeth 1833.

Children:

- (1) Samuel S. b. June 26, 1819, Warren Co., Ohio. Wagon maker and farmer, Sec. 20; P.O. Dawn Ohio m. Jane Cairns March 7, 1844.
  - b. in Ireland Aug. 14, 1818, d. Aug 1850, Children:
    - (a) Jennet E. b. April 23, 1845
    - (b) Laura L. b. Oct 3, 1846, m. John Lehman
    - (c) Albert M. b. July 6, 1848, d. May 2, 1872
    - (d) George A. b. July 10, 1850

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Samuel's second marriage to Elizabeth McDowell Nov. 27, 1851. She was a widow of William McDowell. Her father Adam Wiley was b. in Prussia, Germany March 24, 1787, m. Mary C. Wiley in 1819, she was b. 1798; he was drafted into the army and served nine years under Napoleon I. They came to Fairbairn, Md., in 1820. He d. March 7, 1876, and his wife March 14, 1876.

Members of the M.E. Church. Children:

- (e) John W. b. Jan 23, 1853, d. Sept. 30, 1854
- (f) Charles F. b. Oct 11, 1856
- (g) Jason H. b. Sept. 12, 1859
- (h) Franklin E. b. Sept. 6, 1863
- (i) Joseph C. b. Dec. 17, 1868.

- (2) Edmond b. Apr. 6, 1822, d. Apr. 14, 1877, m. Emily Melvina d. May 5, 1856, Bu. Keith Cemetery, Sugar Creek Twp., Shelby Co., Ind.

- (3) Catherine b. Sept 26, 1826, d. Aug 18, 1879, m. Robert Rains.

- (4) Lydia b. Mar 6, 1828, d. Apr. 1866, m. John Wear.

- (5) Amanda b. Apr 1834, d. June 26, 1877, m. John Y. Hunt, bu. Franklin Co., Ind.

- (6) Sara J. b. Sept. 1, 1837, m. Sept. 14, 1865, James Barker. Lived in Boggstown, Ind. Three children Lou, Gertha, and Bertha.

- (7) Leander b. Mar. 10, 1837, d. Aug. 11, 1863, bu. Sand Hill Cem., Shelby Co., Ind.

- (8) James Collins b. Jul. 24, 1840, m. Martha Poale.

- (9) Nancy Elizabeth b. Aug. 8, 1842, d. Aug 1864, bur. Sand Hill Cem.

- (10) Mary Josephine b. Jan. 30, 1848, d. Aug. 29, 1869, m. J.R. Fleming, bu. in Mt. Pleasant Cem., Shelby Co., Ind.

- d. Hannah b. 1801 m. Oct. 23, 1819, Edmond Collins.

- e. Lydia b. Aug. 20, 1805, in Lewis Co., Va. d. Jan. 28, 1894, m. William Cummings Nov. 10, 1825. At the age of 7 moved with parents to Warren Co., Ohio. Lived in Miami Co., Ohio, Kosciuska Co., Ind., and Nemaha Co., Nebraska, in 1863. She had 11 children.

- f. Jacob Jr. b. Sept. 16, 1811, in Harrison Co., Va., m. (1) Ann Davis, Shelby Co., Ind., Mar. 11, 1836, dau. of Col. Resin Davis. m. (2) Mar. 17, 1839, Evoline Blackford, b. Jan. 23, 1820, Brown Co., Ohio. d. June 19, 1899, Auburn, Nemaha Co., Nebraska. Jacob d. Dec. 24, 1885, Auburn, Nebraska. Their children:

- (1) Levi b. June 6, 1840, Shelby Co., Ind. m. Jan. 7, 1867, Rebecca C. Angle, d. June 16, 1919.

- (2) Caroline b. May 29, 1841, Shelby Co., Ind., m. William Johnson.

- (3) Mary E. b. Feb 25, 1845, Van Buren Twp., Shelby Co., Ind. d. 1857

- (4) William S. b. Mar. 13, 1845, Shelby Co., Ind., d. Jan. 18, 1908, Auburn, Nebraska.

- (5) Lucretia H. b. Mar. 6, 1847, d. Oct 5, 1850.

- (6) Jacob A. b. July 30, 1848, Shelby Co., Ind. d. Sept. 4, 1920. Kansas City, Mo., m. Mar. 9, 1879, Lydia Bantz, Auburn, Nemaha Co., Nebraska.

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- (7) Joseph K. b. Jan. 13, 1850, d. Apr. 8, 1907, Pasadena, Calif., m. Mar. 3, 1872, Rhoda Creason.
- (8) Mercy J. b. 1853, d. Dec. 24, 1863.
- (9) Tammy b. Jan. 24, 1855, Shelby Co., Ind. m. Mar. 4, 1872, James Hickey, b. Cass Co., Ill.
- (10) Nelson b. Feb. 13, 1858, d. Mar. 6, 1858.
- g. Joseph B. b. Dec. 9, 1814, in Warren Co., Ohio, m. (1) Nov 26, 1835, Lucinda Davis, Shelby Co., Ind., dau. of Col. Resin Davis. m. (2) June 20, 1839, Ann Engle, dau. of Joshua and Hope Small, b. Jan 1815 Hamilton Co., Ohio, d. Oct. 28, 1879, Hancock Co., Ind. Joseph d. Aug. 18, 1867, Hancock Co., Ind. Children:
  - (1) Reason Davis b. Mar. 10, 1837
  - (2) Joshua E. b. June 20, 1840, d. Feb. 19, 1866
  - (3) Tabitha C. b. July 20, 1843, d. 1872. m. David Stage
  - (4) Samuel Engle b. Aug. 6, 1845, in Hancock Co., Ind., d. Jan. 8, 1921, Indianapolis, Ind. m. Mary E. Hastings Feb. 11, 1866, Hancock Co., Ind. Children:
    - (a) Ann M. m. George Stout
    - (b) Clemma Olive b. Apr. 6, 1868, d. Sept. 22, 1876
    - (c) Edward T. b. July 20, 1869, d. Sept. 19, 1876
    - (d) James A. b. June 14, 1871, d. Mar. 16, 1896, bu. Crown Hill Cem., Indianapolis, Ind.
    - (e) Effa Pearl b. Aug. 25, 1875, d. Oct. 6, 1876.
    - (f) Elsie b. Oct. 20, 1877, d. July 23, 1965, m. Claude D. Fletcher Oct. 10, 1896, Indianapolis, Ind. Two children: Bertha Louise b. Sept. 28, 1897, and Faye Elizabeth b. July 20, 1902, Indianapolis, Ind.
    - (g) Irvin b. Sept. 1, 1879
    - (h) Alvie b. Mar. 28, 1883, d. July 15, 1883
- h. Jessie b. ca 1816 Warren Co., Ohio
- i. Alpheus b. ca 1820 Warren Co., Ohio
- j. Amox Mix b. July 3, 1826, d. June 24, 1903, m. May 7, 1846, Mainville, Warren Co., Ohio Elizabeth Swigert. He was a Civil War Veteran, Co., K 13 O.U.G. bu. Bainbridge, Ohio. Children were Edward b. July 8, 1861, and William.
- 3. George b. ca 1775 in N.J. d. Mar. 7, 1830, m. Sept. 23, 1819, Elizabeth Crossan. Lived in Warren Co., Ohio. Children were Wilford and Mary.
- 4. Mary b. ca 1777 in N.J. m. Jan. 21, 1793, in Harrison Co., Va., Abraham Bennett.. Died in Warren Co., Ohio.
- 5. John b. ca 1780 in N.J. m. Elizabeth Leggett in Warren Co., Ohio. Moved to Jay Co., Ind, in 1836. Jay Co., History
- 6. Abigail b. ca 1785 in N.J. m. Feb. 4, 1805, Joseph Bennett. Went to Warren Co., Ohio
- 7. Elizabeth b. 1786 in Fayette Co., Pa. m. Apr. 15, 1801, in Harrison Co., Va., John Burnside b. 1778 in Ireland. Their children:



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- a. Hannah b. May 17, 1801 d. May 19, 1801
- b. William b. Feb. 9, 1803, m. Margaret Summerville
- c. Robert B. Dec. 24, 1804, m. Rebecca Bennett b. 1802
- d. John b. Nov. 25, 1806, m. Mary Minter
- e. Anne b. Dec. 27, 1808
- f. Mary b. Dec. 18, 1810, m. Jacob Post
- g. James b. Jan. 15, 1813
- h. Joseph b. Apr. 2, 1815, d. Apr. 21, 1857, m. Feb. 18, 1837, Susan Swisher, b. June 16, 1813, d. Jan. 23, 1887, dau. of Peter Jr. and Susannah (Rineheart) Swisher
- i. Elizabeth b. June 4, 1817, m. Calvin Law
- j. Abigail b. Dec. 18, 1820, m. Felix Hall
- k. Margaret Jane b. July 30, 1823
- l. Charlotte b. Dec. 11, 1825, d. Dec. 31, 1903, m. Dec. 12, 1850, Rev. Eli McWhorter. Bu. Mt. Morris Methodist Church Cemetery, Freemans Creek, Lewis County, W. Va. m. Rebecca b. July 6, 1828.
- 8. Benjamin b. Mar. 3, 1787, in Harrison Co., Va. d. Feb. 16, 1871, m. Hannah Emory b. June 5, 1787.
- 9. Issac S. b. 1792 in Harrison Co., Va., d. Dec. 11, 1871, buried Gainer Cemetery, Feed, W. Va., m. Oct. 6, 1812, Rachel Cunningham b. May 1794 Harrison Co., Va., dau. of Thomas and Phoebe (Tucker) Cunningham, d. Dec. 15, 1882, bu. Gainer Cemetery, Freed, Va. Her mother Phoebe was a famous Indian captive. Settled on Grass Run, Ritchie Co., Va. Lived at Smithville and other points in Ritchie Co., Va., before going to Calhoun Co., Va., where they spent the remnant of their days, near Freed, Va. Isaac served in the war of 1812. Children:
  - a. Phoebe A. b. ca 1813 m. July 2, 1835, in Gilmer Co., Va. Anthony Smith.
  - b. Hannah b. 1815 in Gilmer Co., Va. d. 1900 m. Mar. 20, 1836, in Gilmer Co., Va., Isaac Smith
  - c. Thomas b. 1821 m. Mary Sharps and they moved to Texas.
    - (1) Martha J. b. 1854
    - (2) Isaac D. b. 1856
  - d. Leah b. 1822 d. Oct. 8, 1903, Gilmer Co., Va. m. Nov. 30, 1844, in Gilmer Co., Va., Henderson Beall b. 1822, Pvt. C. 11, W. Va. in Civil War. d. Oct. 11, 1865, at Pine Bottom, Calhoun Co., W. Va. Children:
    - (1) Martha J. b. Aug. 28, 1846, d. May 7, 1927, m. William Hathaway son of Henry and Emily (Weaver) Hathaway. Their son Robert B. Hathaway m. Leona Poling and they became the parents of Clerissa Ann Hathaway who later married Benjamin Franklin Tatterson.
    - (2) John W. b. 1847
    - (3) Henry b. 1850
    - (4) Isaac b. 1851
    - (5) James D. b. June 12, 1855
    - (6) Martin H. b. Nov. 15, 1857
    - (7) Rachel b. Feb. 13, 1859
    - (8) Sarah C. b. May 30, 1861

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- e. John D. b. Dec. 12, 1824, Lewis Co., Va., d. June 4, 1915, Calhoun Co., W. Va. bu. Nobe Cemetery. Farmer m. (1) Elizabeth Modisette, dau. of Augustus and Dorcas (Wilson) Modisette. (2) Mary Richards Mar. 15, 1876, b. Mar 5, 1835, d. May 30, 1907, bue Nobe Cemetery, dau. of George and Lovina (Wilson) Richards Farmer. Served in Civil War. Children:
  - (1) Margaret Louise m. Amos Nelson
  - (2) Oliver b. Sept. 9, 1855, in Gilmer Co., Va., m. Nov. 18, 1877, Rosie Taylor in Gilmer Co., Va.
  - (3) Francis (single)
  - (4) Phoebe Jane b. 1856, d. Nov. 23, 1926, m. Joseph Hamrick Jr. Jan. 5, 1877
  - (5) Rachel b. 1869, m. Mar. 3, 1890, Michael Wilson b. 1848 in Ohio.
  - (6) Dorcas m. Mar. 10, 1883, Uriah Brown, son of Lewis and Ruth A. Brown from Monroe Co., Ohio.
  - (7) Henry b. Feb. 2, 1877, Calhoun Co., W. Va. m. Ellen Hickman. Lived in Kent, Ohio
  - (8) Mary b. 1879, d. Jan. 1946, m. Henry Richards
- f. Felix<sup>21</sup> b. 1826 in Lewis Co., Va., m. Lovina Sharp b. Lewis Co., Va. Moved to Texas. Children:
  - (1) Sarah J. b. 1844 in Lewis Co., Va.
  - (2) Isaac b. 1845 in Ritchie Co., Va.
  - (3) Benjamin F. b. 1848 in Ritchie Co., Va.
  - (4) John B.R. b. 1849 in Gilmer Co., Va.
  - (5) Timothy N. b. 1851 in Gilmer Co., Va.
  - (6) Elizabeth b. 1852 in Gilmer Co., Va.
  - (7) Wilford D. b. 1855 in Gilmer Co., Va.
  - (8) Henry H. b. 1857 in Calhoun Co., Va.
  - (9) Ebenezer b. Apr. 23, 1858, in Calhoun Co., Va.
  - (10) James H. b. 1860 in Calhoun Co., Va.
- g. Barbara b. 1831 in Harrison Co., Va., m. John M. Beall, b. 1828 in Lewis Co., Va. Children:
  - (1) Mary b. 1852 Gilmer Co., Va.
  - (2) Minter b. 1853 Gilmer Co., Va.
  - (3) Joshua b. 1854 Gilmer Co., Va.
  - (4) Thomas b. 1855 Gilmer Co., Va.
  - (5) George N. b. 1857 Calhoun Co., Va.
  - (6) Hannah E. b. 1860 Calhoun Co., Va.
  - (7) June b. 1866
  - (8) Rachel b. 1868
  - (9) Amy Adelphis b. 1875
- h. Nancy b. 1830 in Harrison Co., Va., m. James Wilson b. 1823 Monongalia Co., Va. Children:
  - (1) Martha J. b. 1846 Gilmer Co., Va.
  - (2) Phebe E. b. 1849 Gilmer Co., Va.

- (10) John b. Jan. 20, 1874, d. May 20, 1875.
- (11) David E. b. June 20, 1874, d. May 20, 1875.
- (12) William Sherman b. Jan. 11, 1879.

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- (3) Arphela b. 1852 Gilmer Co., Va.
- (4) Rachel C. b. 1858 Calhoun Co., Va.
- (5) Charles N. b. 1860 Calhoun Co., Va.
- i. Rachel b. 1832 m. Jesse T. McGee
- j. Isaac N. b. Aug. 22, 1833, d. May 31, 1918, m. Sarah Ann McGee, Feb. 10, 1853, in Wirt Co., Va. dau. of Ephraim and Nancy Ann (McGinnis) McGee. Went to Iowa in 1887. Farmer and mailman. Returned to W. Va. in 1912. Sarah b. Preston Co., Va., d. May 31, 1918.
- Children:
- (1) James Allen b. Feb. 3, 1854, m. Feb. 2, 1873, Sarah E. Stalman b. 1852. Went to Iowas with his father, settled later in South Dakota.
- (2) John William b. Oct. 20, 1856, d. 1859.
- (3) Joseph b. Aug. 9, 1858, lived near Murphytown in Wood Co., W. Va m. a Stalnaker.
- (4) Leah Jane b. Jan. 8, 1860, d. Jan. 1865
- (5) Rosanna b. Sept. 1862, d. Jan. 1865
- (6) Sophia b. Aug. 1863, d. Jan. 1865. All three died of diphtheria.
- (7) Cynthia Ellen b. Jan. 12, 1865, went to Iowa with her father, m. W.M. Elliot, later lived in Tennessee.
- (8) Phelix Washington b. May 20, 1867, lived in Freed, Calhoun Co., W. Va.. all his life. m. Emma Jane Snider, b. Nov. 4, 1867, dau. of John and Caroline (Collins) Snider.
- (9) Robert McClellan b. Sept. 29, 1869.
- (10) George Brinton Clellan b. Mar. 12, 1872, went to Iowas with his father and lived there the rest of his life. No family.
- (11) David E. b. June 20, 1874, d. May 20, 1875
- (12) William Sherman b. Jan. 11, 1879.

III. George Collins

George was born about 1755 in Hampshire Co., Va. He lived with his father until he married in Harrison County, Va. He saw the area of Monongalia County become Harrison County and later Lewis Co., Va. He also received 50 acres of land from George Jackson and participated in the Collins settlement in Lewis County, Va. After his first marriage 1791 he settled on his father's (John Collins) farm on Stoney Run, a branch of Hacker's Creek. His pension application states that he had nine children by his second wife. He married (1) Mary Richard, dau. of George Richard, Mar. 12, 1791, Harrison Co., Va. (2) Abigail Smith Oct. 8, 1798. He was a blacksmith and died about Sept. 4, 1833.

George was a Revolutionary War soldier. The following is the record of his service from his pension application.

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Lewis County of Virginia

On this 3rd day August 1831 personally appeared in open court (being a court of records made so by act of the Virginia legislator for the county of Lewis) resident in said county age about 75 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he the said George Collins enlisted for and during the war on or about the month of May about the 1777 in the state of Jersey in a company commanded by a certain John Lewis as captain in the regiment commanded by Moran as applicant now thinks in the troop of cavalry on the continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said corps of cavalry about 18 months the he was in the battle of Brandywine that he was discharged on account of wounds in both legs in the said State of Jersey. That he hereby relinquishes his every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present. That his name is not on the roll of any state except the service aforesaid and that the following are the reasons for not making early applications. That he retained his health and labored for his living. And in persance of the 1st of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of May 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby diminish A so as to bring myself within the provision of an act of congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land naval service of the United State in the revolutionary war passed 18th March 1818 and that I have not nor any persons in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed that since the 18th March 1818 no material changes have been made in property. That I am by profession a blacksmith have nine children by a second wife all young. That he lost his discharge in his house which burnt about 20 years ago. That his said house was consumed with every article of any value which it contained. Sworn to and recorded on the 3rd day of August 1831 before the county court of Lewis County.

Schedule

Three cows suppose to be worth \$18.

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George Collins Pension Draws--\$80.00

John Mitchell of Lewis County as Magistrate and Parson age 70 yr has known Collins 20 years. Collins worked for him a many a day-- Collins is a Catholic man and great egotist never heard him say he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Unless he thinks he can try. Collins must be too young by some six or seven years. Susan Mitchell wife of John age 52 years has known George Collins from infancy. Collins and herself were at school together. Collins can't be more than 5 or 6

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years older than herself.

Samuel Bonnet (a man of character) has known Collins all his life. Bonnet and himself are about one age--about sixty.

Henry Flesher has known George Collins for 37 years-- long after the close of the Revolutionary War. Collins settled in Harrison County then a young man.

Benjamin Copelon saw Collins for the first time long after the close of the war. He was then a young man certainly too young to have been a soldier in the War, the Revolutionary.

Isaac Washburn has know Collins ever since Collins settled in Western Virginia and he Collins is too young by many years to have been a soldier in the War, the Revolution.

Nicholas Carpenter knew Collins when a stripling of a boy saw him for the first time long after the war closed has known him ever since.

William Powers age 71 years. a magistrate of Lewis Co. has known Collins since 1791. In that year Collins came to Harrison County and settled on his Father's farm then quite a young man.

Asa Squires, John F. Singleton and Peyton B. Byrne all concur in saying that Collins too young by many years to have been a soldier in the war of the Revolution.

This copy presented to magistrate

William G. Singleton

Note -- Lucas unable to see Collins-- I consider the order collected conclusive of his case and having heard what his case was about. It was thought to be a new type court of law to look further for him.

Wm. G. Singleton

Nov. 6, 1834

George Collins proved his Revolutionary War service beyond doubt and received pension of \$85.00 per year, starting March 1st 1831. It was discontinued Sept. 4, 1833 at the time of his death. Known children:

1. William Collins b. ca 1793 m. Elizabeth Wiant Apr. 14, 1819 2nd m. Sarah Norman b. ca 1837 dau. of Nelson and Rachel Norman
2. Sarah Collins m. Henry Stallman Sept. 25, 1817 2nd m. Aaron Schoolcraft.

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Warning: GENEALOGY POX

SYMPTOMS: Continual complaint as to need for names, dates and places. Patient has blank expression, is sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind, except feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses. Has compulsions to write letters. Swears at mailman when he does not leave mail. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins, and remote, desolate areas.

Makes secret phone calls at night. Hides phone bills from spouse and mumbles to self. Has strange faraway look in eyes.

NO KNOWN CURE. . . .

TREATMENT: Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines and be given a quiet corner in the house where he or she can be alone.

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Submitted by Marian Challenger  
Bozeman, Mt.

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HUMOROUS OBIT

He wanted to stay, but he had to go  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Name of Dec.	No./Day	age	Birthplace	Parents	Person Reporting	cause
Hughes, Mary E.	3/17	10	Lewis	Stephen & Margaret	f	scarlet fever
Hall infant	3/18	7d		John & Susan R.	f	natural death
Kee, Catherine	11/19	83	Pendleton	James & Margaret Kee	John Kee, son	dropsy
No surname, unnamed	3/25	2	Lewis	Harriet	Thomas McDonald,	natural death
McKinley, Caroline E.	3/23	23	Harrison	Stephen & Catherine	owner	consumption
Norris, Jacob M.	4/1	6	Lewis	John W. & Jane	E.M. McKinley, h	scarlet fever
Osburn, Archibald	1/	60	Marshall Co.	Joseph	B. Osburn, w	scarlet fever
Taylor, J.T.M.	5/27	12	Lewis	John & Amanda	f	natural death
Williams, Joseph	11/24	67	New Jersey	Henry & Sarah	E. Williams, w	broken leg
<i>Lewis Co. Deaths - 1857</i>						
Bennett, William A.	1/25	7m	Lewis	Joseph & Sarah C.	f	scarlet fever
Casto infant	12/8	15d	Lewis	Asahel & Sarah	S.F. Casto, m	eresiplus
Clark, Charles	7/26	4m	Lewis	Gideon D. & Nancy	f	scrofula
Cummin, Enoch	10/27		Lewis		Wm. J. Godfrey,	
Curry infant	1/8	1d	Lewis	Wm. & Nancy	neighbor	
Craig, Martha	5/3	3	Lewis	Wm. & Emily	m	scarlet fever
Frances, Harriet C.	12/16	10m	Lewis	John R. & Savilla	f	
Hinzman, Ally	10/18		Lewis	William & Anna	f	
Harris, John L.	12/25	11m	Lewis	John & Margaret	m	
Houghton, Elizabeth A.	5/26	25	Lewis	Samuel & Margaret	f	
Johnston, Emily	1/30		Lewis	Wilson	A.A. Houghton, h	consumption
Johnston, Sarah M.A.	3/28	5	Lewis	Richard & Elizabeth	f	consumption
Johnston, Albert B.	4/4	2	Lewis	Albert & Sarah	f	scarlet fever
No Surname, Vennis	11/24	8		Albert & Sarah	f	scarlet fever
McDonald, Mary			Lewis	George & Bridget	J.P. Jennings,	dropsey
Mitchell, Dana	2/4	64	Prince Co., MD	Thomas & Elizabeth	owner	
Monks, Thomas S.	4/11	15	Lewis	lawson	m	inflammation of
McNeamer, Elizabeth	11/11	37	Lewis	G.B. & Catherine	Elizabeth	bowels
McNeamer, Margaret J.	11/19	8d	Lewis	John & Prudence	Mitchell, dau.	croup
McNeamer, Silas			Lewis	Curtis	f	
Barker, Eliza Ann	4/		Lewis	Isaac & Elizabeth	J. McNeamer, h	
Posey, Caroline	11/27	75	Charles Co., MD	Isaac & Elizabeth	Richard	consumption
Simon, Martha	8/9	28	Lewis	Richard & Elizabeth	Johnston, gf	paralysis
				Johnston	Alex Skinner, s	
				James & Sarah Scott		
				Andrew & Catherine		
				Smith	A. Simons, h	

1876 Lewis Co

Name of Dec.	No./Day	age	Birthplace	Parents	Person Reporting	Cause
Gaston, Addison T.	4/19			Abram & Alcinda	f	scarlet fever
Hall, Mary	9/20	7	Lewis	Richard & Anna	f	dysentery
Hall, Margaret	10/18	3	Lewis	Richard & Anna	f	dysentery
Hall, Lee	7/15	1	Lewis	Richard & Anna	f	dysentery
Hitt, Tellthe Ann	7/15	7	Lewis	Robert & Inda	m	scarlet fever
Hicks, Hamit	10/25	12	Lewis	David & Mary	m	dysentery
Krouse, Mary Elizabeth	4/5	15	Lewis	Barney & Mary A.	m	scarlet fever
Krouse, Ellen Barbara	4/24	3	Lewis	Barney & Mary A.	m	scarlet fever
Krouse, Michael Joseph	6/9	14	Lewis	Barney & Mary A.	m	scarlet fever
Knicey, Hamit	4/9	4	Lewis	Jacob & Juliet	f	scarlet fever
Knicey, Olive	8/10	2	Lewis	Jacob & Juliet	f	scarlet fever
Law, Benjamin R.	4/15	7	Lewis	Asa & N.	f	scarlet fever
Maxon, Martha S.	4/2	1	Lewis	John & Elizabeth	m	scarlet fever
Maxwell, A.	5/21	2	Lewis			
Nutt, Mary Jane	2/6	3	Lewis	George & Mary	f	scarlet fever
Post, Martin	11/19	79	Lewis			scarlet fever
Post, Sarah	4/18	45	New Jersey	Samuel & Mary J.		scarlet fever
Reed, Margaret	5/28	28	Harrison	Harris	Jacob Post, h Elizabeth	pneumonia
Sheuvront, Elnor	2/6	26		Rufus & Lydia	f	consumption
Simmons, William	1/20	7	Harrison	Israel & Sarah	f	scarlet fever
Straley, David J.	10/7	6		Jacob & Catherine	f	croup
Sims, Lucinda	10/7	6	Lewis	Leonard D. & E.	f	scarlet fever
Sims, Hannah	5/11		Lewis	Leonard D. & E.	f	dysentery
Sansel, Charles	10/29	3		John & Sarah	f	dysentery
Snider, Peter	4/25	62	Pendleton		Jeremiah Snider, s	burned to death
Tigard, Melissa J.	1/12	2	Augusta	Jepe & Mary	f	eresypilus
Tigard, Matilda	7/12	9	Augusta	Jepe & Mary	f	scarlet fever
Waldeck, Stephen	9/28	8	Lewis	Fred & Elizabeth	f	natural death
Woofter, Amanda	6/13	2	Lewis	George & Matilda	f	scarlet fever
Wilson, William	3/13	89	Maryland		D.W. Wilson, s	croup
Ballard, William A.	7/16		Lewis	James A. & Minerva	f	natural death
Brock, Jessie J.	3/6	6	Lewis	Robert & Martha	Jacob Cozad,	erasiplus
Curtis, N.F.	11/11	6m	Lewis	Stephen & J.	f	scarlet fever
Davis, Sarah	11/29	65	New Jersey	Moses & Elizabeth	m	croup
Fisher, Catherine O.	3/25	1	Lewis	Hoffman		scarlet fever
Fisher, John B.	3/26	18	Harrison	Asa & Julia	f	scarlet fever
Frashner, Rebecca Ann	1/21	14	Harrison	William & Jennie	f	scarlet fever
Frashner, Eliza C.	2/14	22		William & Jennie	f	scarlet fever
Goldsmith, Samuel	9/15	11	Lewis	William & Catherine	f	natural death



*Lewis Co. Deaths - 1856*

Name of Dec.	Mo./Day	Age	Birthplace	Parents	Person Reporting	Cause
Hardman, Elizabeth	11/18	21	Lewis	J.W. & S.	f	fever
Hardman, Altha	10/20	20	Lewis	Thomas R. & S.	f	consumption
Johnson, William	5/8	65	Lewis		John Johnson, s	dysentery
Jeffries, Anna	4/2	19	Braxton		Ann Jeffries, ml	consumption
Jeffries, Alsa J.	4/3	1		Hudson & Ann		scarlet fever
Jackson, Elizabeth A.	8/12	18	Lewis	George R. & Rebecca	m	scarlet fever
Wilkinson, Ann	1/8	5	Weston	J.C. & Martha	f	scarlet fever
Hall infant	3/8	6m	Weston	P.N. & H. E.	f	typhoid fever
Jack, Permelia		16	Lewis	Thomas & Fanny	f	scarlet fever
Jarvis, Hannah	3/3	2		Amos & Sarah	f	scarlet fever
Keegle, Issac	11/15	33		C. & S.	f	scarlet fever
Lee, Minor		3	Frederick Co, MD.		Israel Ramsburg, fil	
Lockhard, William	10/14	13d	Lewis	Samuel & Eliza	m	burned to death
McCray, Virginia	12/18	14	Lewis	James & Delia	f	consumption
McNemar, Martha R.	12/10	8m	Lewis	Rebecca A. McNeamer	m	teething
McDonald, Amanda	4/3	6	Lewis	Lewis A. & Arena	f	scarlet fever
McDonald, Mary M.	4/4	3	Lewis	Lewis & Arena	f	scarlet fever
Willet, Mary A.	2/21		Lewis	Richard & Winnie	f	consumption
Money Penny, Jepe	1/25		Lewis	Wm. & Eliza	f	
Smith, Martha B.	11/11	19	Hardy	Minor & Jane	f	scrofula
Smith, George H.	2/19	2m	Lewis	Elias G. & N.	f	scarlet fever
Stalnaker, Dora	11/21	11m	Lewis	John F. & S.	f	teething
Thompson, Marcellus		2	Lewis	John & Francis	f	croup
Urbach, Phillip	5/	1	Lewis	Phillip J. & M.	f	croup
Williams, Helen M.	9/26	14	Taylor	Abram & Elizabeth	f	consumption
Williams, Albert P.	8/17	3	Weston	Abram & Elizabeth	f	dysentery
Williams, Samuel J.	7/17	7m	Weston	Abram & Elizabeth	f	teething
Wilkinson, Ann Louisa	4/8	5		J.C. & Martha	f	scarlet fever
Wilson, Margaret	3/7	18	Lewis	Samuel H. & Margaret	f	consumption
Whetzel, Susan M.	12/11	11	Lewis	E.H. & C.	f	
Allman, Catherine	6/6	62	Lewis	Wm. & F. Sims	Wm. Allman, s	pneumonia
Bailey, Arenia A.	4/13	5	Lewis	Winter I. & Anna	f	scarlet fever
Bailey, Richard H.	4/16	12	Lewis	Winter I. & Anna	f	scarlet fever
Bailey, Susan	4/24	3	Lewis	Winter I. & Anna	f	scarlet fever
Ballard, Milard D.	10/12	9	Augusta Co., Va.	James D. & M.	f	dysentery
Brown, A. G. A.	12/28	2	Lewis	Elias & Barbara	f	natural death
Brown, Martha	10/19	4	Lewis			dysentery
Brake, James R.	9/8	1	Lewis	Granville & Mary	f	dysentery
Curtis, Nancy C.	8/10	8m	Lewis	Stephen & Mary	f	scarlet fever
Frasher, John G.		19	Lewis	William & A.	f	scarlet fever
Flanigan, Benjamin L.	10/16	3	Lewis	James & Mary	f	scarlet fever

## LEWIS COUNTY DEATHS

-1855/1856

Name of Dec.	No./Day	Age	Birthplace	Parents	Person Reporting	Cause
1855 - cont.						
Whelan, Martin	11/14	2	Stone Coal	James & Johanna	f	croup
Westfall, Wm. C.	5/8	6	Little Skin Cr.	Jno. C. & Elizabeth	Elizabeth Westfall, gm	scarlet fever
Watson, Permelia	8/19	1	Sand Fork	Wm. A. & N.A.	f	scarlet fever
Warner, Marshal B.	3/7	23	Harrison	Owen & Eliza	f	scarlet fever
Williams, Edgar	1/8	6	Weston	A. & Elizabeth	f	consumption
Williams, John F.	1/2	12d	Weston	A. & Elizabeth	f	pneumonia
Wilkinson, Ann S.	4/8	5yrs 6ms	West Fork R.	I.C. & Martha	f	scarlet fever
1856						
Atchinson, Ananias	4/15	1	Weston	Adam & Elizabeth	f	drinking dye
Arnold, Duglan	12/?	7m	Weston	Wm. B. & Susan	f	spinal infection
Surname unknown, Adam	4/1	1	Braxton Co.	Camp & Caroline	Wm. Sisk, owner	croup
Brown, Elizabeth A.	5/12	27	Lewis	Abram & R. Hinzman	Wm. Boram, h (?)	consumption
Bishop, Robert E.	10/30	1	Weston	James N. & Rebecca	f	being burned
Burkhammer, Mander-ville	3/24	13	Lewis	Leonard & Elizabeth	m	scarlet fever
Burkhammer, Asa	3/9	6	Lewis	Leonard & Elizabeth	m	scarlet fever
Bare, Adison N.	2/12	16	Taylor	David & Jamira	f	accidentally shooting himself
Burkhammer, Mary E.	3/5	6	Lewis	Henry & P.A.	m	scarlet fever
Burkhammer, Margaret M.	3/4	4	Lewis	Henry & P.A.	m	scarlet fever
Burkhammer, Clarisa J.	4/5	11m	Lewis	Henry & P.A.	m	scarlet fever
Clark, Arminta D.	3/16	8	Lewis	R.H. & Susannah	f	consumption
Crawford, Wm. F.	1/6	4		Robert & <u>          </u>	f	scarlet fever
Detamore, Anna L.	12/12	4		John F. & Julian	f	
Edmond, Wm. J.	4/16	1		J.J. & Eliza	f	pneumonia
Fisher, James	3/18	2		Jacob C. & Lavernia	f	scarlet fever
Finister, Mary C.	9/14	1		John and C.	f	scarlet fever
Fitzpatrick, Mary	4/28	73 (?)	Ireland	Thomas & Polly Moones	M. Fitzpatrick, son	dysentery
Godfrey, Sarah	4/7	96	Maryland	John & Margaret Roby	Polly Duval, d	old age
Hale, Sina Elizabeth	9/25	31	Fairmont	Simpson & Susan Shore	P.M. Hale, h	walsey
Hale, Lillie Virginia	9/30	9m	Weston	P.M. & Sina	f	dysentery
Hicks, Sarah	8/31	23	Lewis	P.M. & Sarah Linner	W.V. Chidester, friend	pneumonia

## Marriages

In preparation of publishing the marriage records of Harrison County from 1784 to 1818 and Lewis County from 1818, we select these definitions of terms as sent to Hartzel Strader of Middletown, Oh., by Mr. Master of the Virginia State Library at Richmond, Virginia.

### DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

#### Marriage Bond

Marriages in colonial Virginia, which had from the beginning been performed according to the laws of England and rubric of the Prayer Book of the Anglican Church, were the subject of a comprehensive statute when the 1631/32 code of laws was put into effect. Briefly, the law was that a marriage might be performed by authority of a license granted by the Governor of the colony or an official appointed by him; or by authority of banns published on three successive Sundays or holy days in the parish churches.

In 1660/61 was first enacted the law requiring a bond. This law stated that since there was a scarcity of ministers in some areas, and since the Governor could not be acquainted with all who applied for licenses, a person wishing to be married by license must go to the county court clerk and give bond with sufficient security that there was no lawful cause to prevent the marriage. The license was then prepared by the clerk, and presented to the minister who would perform the ceremony.

#### Marriage License

According to Black's Law Dictionary, a marriage license is a license or permission granted by public authority to persons who intend to marry. "By statute in some jurisdictions it is made an essential prerequisite to the lawful solemnization of marriage." It will be seen that this definition applied to the use of the term license in the discussion above.

#### Consent

The first marriage statute contained the stipulation that in the case of infants (those under twenty-one) wishing to be married, the parents or guardians must signify consent either in person or by sufficient testimony. This provision continued in force. The amplified law of 1705 stated that a person under twenty-one must have the consent of parent or guardian given in the presence of the clerk, or signed "under seal" and attested by two witnesses.

#### Publication of Banns

Marriage "by publication" meant that during the church service a public announcement was given in the parish churches on three successive Sundays or worship days that a marriage between A and B

would take place. After due publication, the minister performed the ceremony.

Banns constituted a legal substitute for a license; moreover, the fees for a marriage by banns were only about one-fourth as much as for a marriage by license. On the other hand, marriage by banns took a much longer time than by license, as the law stipulated that not less than two weeks must elapse between the first and third publication; this meant a period of at least fifteen days, usually longer.

During the colonial period marriages by license, i.e. the bonds, were filed or recorded at the court house of the county in which the bride lived; but marriages by banns were recorded only in the church or parish register.

The custom of performing marriages by banns seems to have fallen into disuse in Tidewater not long after the Revolution, but continued in the western counties by ministers of most denominations until almost 1848, when the law making banns a legal substitute for the license was repealed.

### Certificates

The use of the word "certificate" in regard to marriage records may have one of several meanings. For example, the term was used in the law requiring ministers to report the marriages they had solemnized, and this is its most frequent use. (See Ministers' Returns)

But earlier (1657) the law stated that no license was to be issued without a certificate, i.e. consent, given under the hands of the parents, masters or guardians of the parties to be married, if under age. This same use of the word may be found in records of a much later period.

The law also made particular use of the word if stating that if a parish were without a minister and if a clerk or reader (or at a later date, a justice) legally appointed to do so, had published the banns, that person must give to the parties to be married a certificate that their intention had been thrice published.

An act of 1858, amended 1861, stipulated that the clerk issuing a marriage license require from the person obtaining the license a certificate "setting forth as near as may be" the date and place of the proposed marriage, the full names of both parties, ages and conditions (widowed or single), places of birth and residence, names of parents, and the occupation of the husband. The same information had been required since 1853, but the certificate assumed a standard form and included the name of the minister. All of this information was transferred to the county register. Some of the Marriage Records or Marriage Registers after 1861 are made up of these certificates.

### Ministers' Returns

Until 1780 marriages might be performed legally only by ministers of the Established Church, who were required by law to record marriages in the parish register, the official record. In 1780 was passed the first act permitting dissenting ministers (only four per county from each sect) to perform marriage ceremonies.

In order that an official record of all marriages might be preserved, this law required that a certificate of each marriage solemnized by a minister be signed by the minister and transmitted to the county court clerk, to be entered in a book kept for that purpose. Such certificates are known as ministers' returns.

Many ministers seem to have been quite casual in their observance of the law, some even ignoring it altogether. Others adopted a custom of making collected returns, each such being a list of marriages performed within a period of time, perhaps a year, perhaps several years. Since ministers were in some instances lax, forgetful, or both, obviously such records were not always correct.

Marriages for which no licenses were issued, as by banns, became of record only by the ministers observing the law in making the returns. Usually the phrase "by publication" appeared on such certificates.

In 1783 the law recognized that the scarcity of ministers in the western counties had produced a situation whereby not only dissenting ministers, but some magistrates and others not authorized by law had been induced to solemnize marriages. To remedy the situation, the law empowered the county courts to license certain "discreet laymen" (justices) to celebrate the rite of matrimony; also, the courts could declare valid earlier marriages performed by these justices, as well as the earlier marriages performed by the dissenting ministers.

The amended act of 1784 allowed any ordained minister to perform marriages. Also, Quakers and Mennonites were permitted to marry under their own customs, but the clerk of the meeting was to make a return to the county court clerk. However, as Friends' (Quaker) marriages were not regularly reported until about the year 1825, many such marriages may appear only in Friends' records.

#### Marriage Records; Marriage Register

During the colonial period in Virginia the law required that every marriage be recorded in a true and perfect parish register, which also recorded christenings and burials. After 1780, ministers were required to report all marriages to the county court clerk, whose duty it was to see that the returns were entered in a book kept for that purpose. The county record books which have survived are sometimes titled "Marriage Records," sometimes "Marriage Register(s)."

The act of 1853 which resulted in the establishment of the Bureau of Vital Statistics required that in every county there be kept birth, marriage and death registers, each to have a standard form. The marriage register was to contain the information referred to under Certificates. Most county record books after 1853 were compiled according to the standard form and are designated Marriage Registers.

The VSL Marriage Registers were compiled by Library staff members from marriage bonds and other original source material brought from the respective counties. They are not official county records.

Ministers and Justices of the Peace

While many of the marriages in Harrison and Lewis County and surrounding areas were performed by the ministers and Justices of the Peace at their residences, some were performed at the homes of the brides, grooms or other family members. We are making an effort to determine the place of residence of some of the early ministers and J.P.'s of the Hacker's Creek area, as well as those in surrounding areas. Listed below are several of these men who performed the marriages recorded in the records of Harrison and Lewis Counties. If anyone can provide more information about these men, please send that information to Ministers & J.P.'s, % Joy Gilchrist, 2963 Farmington Circle SW, Canton, Oh 44706. The results of this survey will be published in Vol. I, Issue 5.

1. Jacob Westfall - performed the first marriage recorded in Harrison County, now W. Va., in 1784.
2. Isaac Edwards-performed marriages in Harrison County 1785-1789.
3. J. W. Loofbourow - performed marriages 1785-ca 1800 in Harrison County.
4. Benjamin Webb - performed marriages beginning in 1799.
5. John Denham - performed his first marriage in Harrison County in 1790.

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A Civil War Record

War Department Washington July 17 1883

Edgar Davidson a Private of Co H, 7th Regiment W. Va. Volunteers was enrolled on the 25 day of September 1861, discharged Honorably at Stephensburg, Va., July 1865. His personal description at enlistment: Height 5 feet 6 inches; Complexion fair; color of eyes brown; color of hair dark; occupation Farmer. Born September 4, 1831.

Some of his papers spelled the name Davison/Davisson/Davidson.

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## HISTORY OF CHURCHVILLE

by

Teresa Rowan

Among the first settlers were the Winans, the Vendeevers, and Frank McCluster's family around the year of 1800.

Churchville was first named after Frank McCluster, being called Franktown. Most of the McCluster generation is still living in Churchville. Frank and his family built four churches on the property on which he owned. The four churches were the Baptist, Methodist, United Brethern, and Catholic. Trustees for the United Brethern Church were Peter Hull, Morgan McCluster, and Boyd Gum. Oscar and Ruffis Shevorent purchased, or some believe was given, the land and the church from the McClusters.

Israel "Liz" Simmons lived in Freemansburg and owned land from Freemansburg to Issac Fork, which is the most of Churchville. He owned approximately 3000 acres.

Noah Snyder was the first preacher of Churchville, who is now buried in the Snyder Cemetery. This cemetery was given by the Winan's sisters, and was originally called the Three Sisters Cemetery, but is now called the Snyder Cemetery. The three sisters were Margaret Gum, Mary Hull, and Susan Snyder. The cemetery mainly consists of Gums and Rowans who pay a donation to keep the cemetery cleaned and mowed. The first person to be buried in the cemetery was Joseph D. Gum on February 25, 1910.

Churchville also has one family descending from Stonewall Jackson's generation, Bob White, whose grandmother was a sister to Cummings Jackson, Stonewall's Uncle.

The first doctor in Churchville was Doc McKinley. He lived behind the Church and also practiced there. The second doctor was Doc Edward Thomas Wade Hall, who opened the first hospital in his home and one of his first operations was an appendectomy. The operation was on a patient by the name of Adda Romine who was only eleven years of age.

The first undertaking establishment was directed by Mason and A. W. Priest. It was the first and the only undertaking or Funeral Home in Churchville. Part of the funeral home was built into a store. His house was built to the left of the business which they owned. When his home burned he and his family moved into the store section of the establishment.

A popular store in Churchville was located across from the Church. The store was a company store. It was first run by Hoy Wiseman. Preceding his were Frank Gum, Nick Hull, and Bessie and Charles McCluster. Bessie and Charles had the store condemned and torn down and built their home in which Bessie still resides today.

The Romine store was just across from the last store and called McClusters store. It was owned by Burt Romine and then taken over by his son, Ora, after his death. The store was still standing until the year of 1980, but was not in operation. It was torn down due to the condition of the building.

History of Churchville - Cont.

McClusters also had a hotel which was run by Albert Gum, in their home.

Over the top of the Romine store, was a hotel established with a switchboard. It was called the Woodsman Lodge.

Directly behind the store owned by the Romine's was a gristmill which provided the service of grinding both flour and mill. The makers and producers of this business were Jesse Gum, Albert Gum, and Ira Simmons.

In the 1920's the major employment was directed to the Gas and Oil wells which were plentiful in Churchville at this time.

The schoolhouse which is still standing today but not in use, was a one-room schoolhouse. There was a boardwalk built from the road to the schoolhouse to make it easier for the children so that they wouldn't have to climb the hill. The children went to school from first to eighth grade; after the eighth year they received a diploma in acknowledgement of their eight year devotion to school and their knowledge. School hours were from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Each child walked to school, some even as much as three miles.

In August of 1924 the road was graded out and the hard surfacing was finally finished in 1925. It was great excitement in 1925 for the children, as well as the adults, to see the first automobile, driven by Herb Hawkins, speeding down the road.

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Sources: Therman Gum, Hazel Rinehart and Tim Gum. All have been residents of Churchville since their birth. The author, eighteen year old Teresa Rowan is a first cousin to Kevin Rowan who has been assisting Roberta Hefner with reading the cemeteries in the dam area.

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ADDITIONS TO CEMETERY READINGS

In the Jesse's Run Cemetery inscriptions, page 85, row 6, of the April issue of The Journal, the DODSON given name of Richard was omitted.

Additional gravestones which have been located through the work at Morrison Cemetery near Berlin:

FRETNELL, Mollie b. 1865 d. 1897

MORRISON, Lollie Olive b. 1883 d. 1886, d/o A.M. and M.P.

LAWSON, Emmeline b. 29 June 1825, d. 17 Jun 1898, w/o Rev. Joseph S.

BORAM, Mary C. d. 12 Sept 1856, d/o T. & J., ae 8y 8ms 12ds

MORRIS, Prudy M. d. 18 May 1887 ae 4ys 2ms 6ds, d/o Joseph and R. E.

MORRIS, Joseph b. 1 May 1856, d. 30 July 1894



CUTRIGHT LETTER

Copy of a letter written by Elmore Cutright to L. R. Cutright -- submitted by Raymond Wolfe Jr.

"Spring creek" Roane County W. Va.

Deer Suns and daughters I received your liter and was glad to hear from you all. Wee thaught all of you was ded or moved off. Wee all are well at this time hoping those few lines may find you all well. This hes binn a verrey wet season. Wheat is good, corn is good, oats \_\_\_\_\_s gardens crops all is good and verrey good as I have juste sed everything was good. The Colorado potatoes bugs nearley eat all of the potatoes up in this contry. Tha are about the size of a grain of come a copper culler. Tha have cleaned out Ohio the two laste years at lenght. Tha have reached the Virginia soil. Mother wants you and Salina and the children to come out and see us. If you ever see this contry you will not stay out thare, you will move to Roane. Ower cane is coming out. It is a job to mow ower gras it so heavy. Wee think that wee will have one hundred bushels of wheat. Wee have five horses, twenty head of catel, the fineste Chester pigs you aver saw in your life. Roane is a grate prospect of moste oak and beech. Lemuel tell Asia to fetch out his wife and see us. Think you and Asia had beter moove to this contry. Asia mother wants you to fetch your wife and see us. Thare is a ritche peas of land cane bee bought cheap. It is the richeste land i aver saw in my life. The grubs on it is spice and red bud. You muste excuse all bad riting and spelling \_\_\_\_\_.

Elmore Cutright to L. R. Cutright  
A. I. Cutright July 11th 1873

Boys your mother wayed tryed to be wayed the Stiyards drew 230 and wood not drew hur. Wee thaught it wood take ten pounds more to way hur that wood bee 240. She is a hole team. I have sed but a few things to you to what i wood like to say to you. Thare is a few apples in ower orchard. Wilsons all is well."

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Smith, William	1	558	3/21/1785	100 A. Harrison County
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Smith, David	4	481	5/6/1816	400 A. Sand Fork of West Fork River
Smith, William	4	444	10/1/1812	500 A. Cove Creek & Leading Creek
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Smith, William	4	447	10/14/1812	500 A. East side of West Fork River
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- Submitted by Robert B. Smith

THE AMERICAN PIONEER

The American Pioneer was a monthly publication "devoted to the objects of the Logan Historical Society, or to the truth and justice of history; being a collection of historical incidents, &c., relative to the first settlement and successive improvements of the country." Published in Chillicothe, Ohio, by John S. Williams in the 1840's, the magazine contained some articles of interest to the members of HCPD. Some of the original publications are in the files of the Coshocton County Public Library, Coshocton, Ohio; and these stories were copied from them.

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ANECDOTES OF JESSE HUGHES.

Jenny's Camp, Darby, Jan. 14, 1842.

Mr. Jno. S. Williams:

Dear Sir, - You desired me to give you an account of an expedition against the Indians, in which Jesse Hughes acted so conspicuous a part. Hughes was bred up from his infancy in the hotbed of Indian warfare, in Harrison county, Virginia, on the head waters of the Monongahela river, in the village of Clarksburgh. He was a light built spare man, and remarkably active on foot, and from his constant practice of hunting, he became one of the best woodsmen and Indian hunters of his day.

The following circumstance he related to me himself, and it has been fully corroborated since by Mr. Joseph Harness, who was in the expedition with him. The precise date of the transaction I do not recollect, but I think it was near 1790. The Indians, about that time, seldom did any other mischief in that neighborhood but steal horses. The Indians, generally, crossed the Ohio river above Marietta, and it was a dense forest from the Ohio to Clarksburgh, a distance of sixty or seventy miles. The settlement had been a considerable time without an Indian alarm. All were quiet on their farms. It happened one night a man heard the fence of a small lot, he had a horse in, fall; he jumped up and ran out, and saw an Indian spring on the horse and dash off. The whole settlement was alarmed in an hour or two, and they had a company of twenty-five or thirty men paraded, ready to start by daylight next morning. They took a circle round, outside of the settlement, and soon found the trail of apparently eight or ten horses, and, they supposed, about that many Indians. The captain called a halt, and held a council to determine in what manner to pursue them. The captain and a majority of the company were for pursuing them on their trail. Mr. Hughes was opposed to it, he said he could pilot them to the spot where the Indians would cross the Ohio, by a nearer way than the Indians could go, and if they could get there before the Indians, they could intercept them at the river and be sure of success. But the commander insisted on pursuing the trail. Mr. Hughes then tried another argument: he pointed out the danger in trailing the Indians. He insisted that the Indians would waylay their trail, in order

to know if they were pursued, and would choose a situation where they could shoot two or three of them and set them a defiance, and then alarm the others; and the Indians, when alarmed, would out-travel them and make their escape. The commander found that Hughs was like to get a majority for his plan, and appeared to be jealous that if Hughs' plan was followed, he would lose the honor of planning the expedition. Hughs, by some, was considered too wild for the command, and it was nothing but jealousy kept him from it, for in the most of their Indian excursions, Hughs got the honor of the best plan, or did the best act that was performed. The commander then broke up the council by calling aloud to the men to follow him and let the cowards go home, and dashed off full speed, and the men all followed him. Hughs knew the captain's remark was intended for him and felt the insult in the highest degree, but he followed on with the rest. They had not pursued many miles until the trail went down a drain where the ridge on one side was very steep, with a ledge of rocks for a considerable distance. On the top of the cliff two Indians lay in ambush, and when the company got opposite to them they made a noise of some kind, that caused the men to stop: that instant two of the company were shot and mortally wounded. They now found Hughs' prediction fully verified, for they had to ride so far round before they could get up the cliff, that the Indians made their escape with ease.

They then all agreed that Hughs' plan was the best, and urged him to pilot them to the Ohio river where the Indians would cross. He agreed to do it; but was afraid it was too late, for the Indians knew they were pursued and would make a desperate push. After leaving some of the company to take in the wounded men, they put off for the Ohio river, the nearest way they could go, and got there the next day about an hour after the Indians had crossed it. The water was yet muddy in the horses' trails, and the rafts that they crossed on were floating down the opposite shore. The company now was unanimous for returning home and giving up the pursuit. Hughs now got some satisfaction for the insult the captain gave him: he said he wanted to find out who the cowards were. He said that if any of them would go with him, he would cross the river and scalp some of the Indians. They all refused to go with him. He said if one man would go with him, he would undertake it; but he could not get one to consent. He then said he would go by himself, and take one of their scalps, or leave his own with them.

The company now started for home, and Hughs went up the river three or four miles, keeping out of sight of it, for he expected the Indians were watching them to see if they would cross. He there made a raft and crossed the river, and camped for the night. The next day he found their trail, and pursued it very cautiously, and about ten miles from the river he found their camp. There was but one Indian in it, the rest were all out hunting. The Indian was left to keep camp: in order to pass away the time, got to playing the fiddle on some bones that they have for the purpose. He was seated in his camp, singing and playing. Hughs crept up and shot him. He then took his scalp, and made the best of his way home.

Jona. Renick

Mount Gilead Cemetery  
also known as  
Georgetown Methodist Church Cemetery

This cemetery is located on a hill on the North side of the village of Georgetown, Lewis County, W. Va., about two miles West of Horner, W. Va. According to Sam W. Hardman in his writings of the People of Vandalia Community this cemetery was established about the year 1835. Many of the early settlers of the Georgetown community are buried here, many in unmarked graves or sand-stone markers with illegible inscriptions. Mr. Hardman goes on to state there are graves of early settlers including John Helmick in another grave plot located 200 yards North from where the Georgetown schoolhouse was located. This older cemetery would be located on the opposite side of Georgetown from Mt. Gilead in a wooded area. This survey taken and submitted by Hartzel G. Strader. Items following the \* are additional information submitted by Mr. Strader and Joy Gilchrist.

HARRIS (1 main stone with the following inscriptions)

Russell C. 1902-1969 \* Russell Clay, s/o Gordon and Cora (SHOULDERS)

HARRIS

Lloyd A. W. Va. Pvt. 54 Sanitary So Md. WW I 18 Aug 1894 - 25 Feb 1965  
\* s/o Gordon and Cora (SHOULDERS) HARRIS

Mary E. 1870 - 1934

David H. 1836 - 1924 \* s/o George & Susan (RUTRIDGE) HARRIS

G. Gordon 1866 - 1939 \* s/o David H. HARRIS

Cora E. 1876 - 1946 \* w/o Gordon Harris

HEFLIN, James D. 1896 - 1942 I.O.O.F.

Ruby A. 1899 - 1927

SUMMERS, W. K. 21 March 1868 - 28 July 1924

SUMMERS, Anna d/o C.P. & R. R. 1875 - 1917

SUMMERS, C. Perry Com. D 25th W. Va. Reg. 1836 - 1916

Amanda 1856 - 1944

LINGER, Oscar F. 23 Oct 1874 - 28 Dec 1964 \*s/o P.F. & Susan (CAMPBELL) LINGER

LINGER, infant s/o G.U. & M.G. b. & d. 21 July 1915

LINGER, P.F. 1839 - \*(Phillip Fairburn, s/o Phillip and Sarah (CUTRIGHT)

LINGER

Susan E. his wife 1847 - 1926 \* 2nd wife, Susan CAMPBELL

CLARK, Thomas R. 1875 - 1955

Ella L. 1877 - 19\_\_ \* d/o P.F. & Susan (CAMPBELL) LINGER

LINGER, Harry G. 1883 - 1945 \*s/o P.F. & Susan (CAMPBELL) LINGER

Carrie V. 1891 - 1928 \* Carrie KERR

SMITH, E. L. 1843 - 1924

Matilda F. w/o E.L. Smith b. 8 Aug 1855 - 15 Aug 1910, mother

SMITH, Jacob M. 1870 - 1956

Cora A. 1872 - 1957

SMITH (1 main stone with the following inscriptions)

F.G. 1886 - 1918 I.O.O.F.

Sarah E. 1860 - 1934

Mount Gilead Cemetery - Cont.

Smith - cont.

Perry 1848 - 1919 \* s/o David D. and Mary SMITH

Fred B. 1884 - 1959

GOULD, Oscar L. 1902 - 1952 \* Oscar Lemuel GOULD, s/o Walter & Emmilin  
(WILLIAMSON) GOULD

Arbutis R. 1905 - 1975 \* Arbutis Rose, w/o Oscar GOULD, d/o Upton &  
L. Nancy (STALNAKER) HOOVER, b 21 Jan 1901. Married Oscar  
GOULD 20 Aug 1922.

Maxine A. 1923 dau. of A. & O.

Wren R. 1940 dau. of A. & O.

GOULD, Walter Waldo 1940 - 1979

GOULD, Vergie A. 1956 - 1957 d/o Virgil and Jean

CLARK, Baby Joseph 1930 - 1930

CLARK, Otie A. 1904 - 19

Reva J. 1908 - 1976

CLARK, Hughie C. 1882 - 1976

Settie M. 1882 - 19

BIAS, Ben F. 31 Jan 1902 - 11 May 1974 \* Married to Martha M. LINGER, d/o  
Granville & Nancy Elizabeth (STALNAKER) LINGER

WISEMAN, Thomas J. 1867 - 1930

Mattie M. Bias 1876 - 1930

DUNCAN, Oscar L. 1885 - 1955

Bessie E. 1882 - 1950

LINGER, Clinton F. 1867 - 1926 \* s/o Granville & Nancy E. (STALNAKER) LINGER.  
Married to Emma I. BAILEY

LINGER, Bailey S. 6 April 1865 - 17 Mar 1926 \* s/o Granville & Nancy E.  
(STALNAKER) LINGER. Married 14 July 1918 Bermuda MC WHORTER

Bermuda M. 29 Mar 1872 - 20 Sept 1958 \* d/o Newton & Sarah ( ) MC WHORTER

LINGER, sister Mollie E. 1874 - 1969

sister Rose F. 1887 - 1955

LINGER, Granville R. 1836 - 1910 \* s/o Phillip M. & Sarah (CUTRIGHT) LINGER

Nancy E. his wife 1842 - 1937 \* Nancy Elizabeth, d/o Bailey & Mary  
(PETERSON) STALNAKER

LINGER, Granville 1878 - 1962 \* s/o Granville R. & Nancy E. (STALNAKER) LINGER

Ora M. 1893 - 1960 \* Maiden name MC CUE

LINGER, Edgar E. 1871 - 1957 \* 8th child of Granville & Nancy E. (STALNAKER)  
LINGER

Sallie A. 1876 - 1960 \* d/o Dr. J. R. and Ann O. (FLESHER) ROACH

LINGER, ch of G. L. & Ora

infant son d. 1912

Hazel dau. 1915 - 1922

HOOVER, Upton 1876 - 1947

Nancy E. 1872 - 1966

CLARK, Mary M. 1847 - 1936

CLARK, Nathan 15 Dec 1839 - 30 Nov 1910

CLARK, William L. 1875 - 1965

Mount Gilead Cemetery -- Cont.

ROACH, John B. 1882 - 1951  
Emma M. 1884 - 1974  
dau. Laura Waneita 1914 - 1944  
KELLEY, D. H. 29 Jan 1837 - 21 July 1914  
Mc CUE (1 stone)  
Lora 1866 - 1891  
Mattie 1887 - 1968  
Clark 1891 - 1970  
CLARK, Alvin Lee 27 Dec 1867 - 6 July 1962  
Mary Gertrude w/o A.L. 28 Oct 1871 - 28 Mar 1907 \*d/o Phillip Fairburn  
& Susan ( ) LINGER  
LINGER (1 stone - no dates)  
Perry H.  
Martha A.  
Robert  
Alice Casto  
Ionora Steerman  
CLARK, E. Bird 1873 - 1937  
Maggie 1861 - 1947  
CLARK, Martha E. 1912 - 1940  
LINGER, Frank H. 1879 - 1910 \* s/o Phillip Fairburn & Susan (CAMPBELL) LINGER  
Maude 1875 - 1939 \* Maude ECKLES  
SMITH, da of G.M. & M.M.  
Evert son 29 Aug 1885 - 17 Apr 1886  
Bessie dau 9 Sept 1887 - 11 Sept 1887  
CLARK, Levi 1831 - 1890 \* s/o John and Margaret (BONNETT) CLARK  
Elizabeth wo Levi 5 April 1833 - 5 March 1906 \* Elizabeth LEGGIT  
LINGER, Isaac 11 Jan 1821 - 2 April 1901 \* s/o Phillip M. & Sarah (CUTRIGHT)  
LINGER  
CLARK, Lewis Jones 1923 - 1941  
CLARK, Cecil M. 1883 - 19  
Edith M. 1884 - 1947 \* Edith May JONES  
CLARK, Lewis C. 1857 - 1931 \* s/o Levi and Elizabeth (LEGGETT) CLARK  
Rulina V. 1858 - 1948 \* b. 25 Feb 1858 d. 14 Nov 1948, d/o Bailey and  
Mary (PETERSON) STALNAKER  
CLARK, Mintie Leonora (Coo) 1882 - 1968 \* b. 20 March 1882, d. 11 Dec 1968,  
d/o Lewis and Rulina (STALNAKER) CLARK  
Stokes (Pudge) \* b. 1903 d. 1979, s/o Coo  
SIMONS, Lyda 1871 - 1907  
Susan 1872 - 1962  
LINGER, Ira F. 1886 - 1958  
Birdie 1886 - 1926  
WINEMILLER, Noah 1821 - 1912 \* s/o Henry and Ellenor ( ) WINEMILLER  
Naomia 1867 - 1938 \* 2nd wife of Noah. d/o Jacob and Mary C. ( )  
SIMONS  
Bertie, son 1887 - 1889  
SIMONS, Goodman A. 2 March 1859 - 15 Dec 1901  
Sarah J. w/o Goodman A. 5 Dec 1864 - 14 Aug 1928



Mount Gilead Cemetery - cont.

SIMONS, Carrie 1870 - 1905  
 Esker s/o L.F. & Carrie 1892 - 1900  
 Venice d/o L.F. & Carrie 1896

YOKE, William Louis s/o J.W. & E.M. 2 May 1886, aged 18-7-2 \* s/o John  
 Washington and Eunice Maribe (STALNAKER) YOKE. Death caused  
 by brain tumor, cau ed by a severe blow on the head by a  
 baseball.

STEERMAN, Florence w/o G.W. 17 Dec 1870 - 20 Feb 1898

HARRIS, Susannah w/o George 19 Feb 1798 - 7 April 1891

HARRIS, John W. 18 July 1841 - 28 Jan 1918 \* s/o George HARRIS  
 Euphema E. 19 Feb 1850 - 28 Oct 1896  
 Louis F. son 14 April 1874 - 1 July 1883

SUMMERS, Samuel d. 23 April 1868 aged 45 years

SUMMERS, Samuel 26 Nov 1823 - 21 Dec 1891

PETERSON, Elizabeth d. 1 May 1935 aged 7 yrs 5 mo. sandstone \* d/o Jesse  
 Lawrence PETERSON

HYNES, Lucy A. d/o John d. 30 Dec 1874 in her 21st yr.

KELLEY, infant ch. of Geo. & Cora

LINGER, Oliver 17 Dec 1838 - 12 Nov 1892 \* s/o Phillip & Sarah (CUTRIGHT) LINGER

HUDSON, Elizabeth w/o Jacob W. d. 4 Sept 1855 aged 42-2-10 \* d/o John &  
 Elizabeth (WAGGONER) HARDMAN

Marion s/o J.W. & E. d. 27 Nov 1848 aged 6-7-13

HUDSON, Rev. Wm. W. 25 Oct 1872 aged 24-0-3

HUDSON, Jacob W. 6 Dec 1811 - 9 Dec 1901

WAGGONER, Dora B. d/o Andrew and Almira Lunsford 29 Sept 1868 - 30 Sept 1897

LINGER, Harrison K. (no date) s/o Oliver & M.A. aged 12 yrs  
 Anna A. (no date) d/o Oliver & M.A. aged 16 yrs.

BAGWELL - BUSH (1 main stone) then smaller stones  
 Thomas B. 1898 - 19 \* 29 Nov 1898 - 16 July 1979  
 Mary Caroline 1898 - 19  
 Icie 1897 - 19  
 Kyle E. 1900 - 19

CLARK, John E. 30 Nov 1856 - 3 Oct 1898  
 L. Icie 20 July 1861 O 3 Feb 1941

CLARK, Lonzo 28 Aug 1896 - 6 Sept 1896

CLARK, Nettie 24 Aug 1893 - 28 Sept 1894

ROHRBOUGH, Margaret S. w/o G.W. d. 21 July 1879 aged 27-1-20

STALNAKER, Bailey 1818 - 1898  
 Mary 1816 - 1903 \* Mary PETERSON

HILL, Charles B. 2 Jan 1882 - 22 Mar 1920

WARNER, George 6 Sept 1837 - 1888  
 Lucinda 1835 - 1928  
 Ida F.. d/o G.G. & L. 14 Aug 1865 - 2 Dec 1885

WARNER, W. Wade 1874 - 1957  
 Lura E. 1882 - 1946  
 infant son 1915 - 1915

Mount Gillead Cemetery - Cont.

Warner - cont.

Hayes R. 1910 - 1959  
Ralph H. W. Va. Pfc Army Air forces, WW II 20 Aug 1918 - 15 June 1961  
John H. 1903 - 1978  
McNEMAR, Lucy E. 24 June 1877 - 4 Sept 1947  
McNEMAR, Bertie C. w/o C.B. 1889 - 1922 \* d/o Thomas & Sarah (QUEEN) MEADOWS  
baby Catherine L. 22 April 1922  
McNEMAR, Dora w/o P.E. 1864 - 1919  
McNEMAR, Philip E. 25 July 1856 - 19 Dec 1932  
Elizabeth L. w/o P.E. 8 Aug 1869 - 11 Sept 1904  
STALNAKER, W. Homer 1863 - 1934  
Lillie 1866 - 1921  
STALNAKER, Comodore Perry 1857 - 1939  
STALNAKER, Blanche W. 1881 - 1961  
STALNAKER, Chester 1914 - 1965  
STALNAKER, J. B. (Dick) 1888 - 1963  
Mary 1894 - 1963  
THARP, John Jr. 2 July 1921 - 20 March 1972; W. Va. Pfc 278 Inf. Rct.  
WW II Korea BSM & OLe - Ph  
STALNAKER, Rhonda Kay 3 Jan 1959  
FERGUSON, Havard 1918 -  
Peggy Lou 1922 - 1952  
STALNAKER, Lewis H. 22 June 1888 - 28 Jan 1969  
Virgie M. 4 July 1897 - 19 April 1975  
STALNAKER, Charlie B. 27 Oct 1860 - 12 April 1958  
Martha E. 7 April 1866 - 6 June 1954  
ROACH, Dr. Jn. 1831 - 1909  
Ann O. w/o Dr. Jn. 1831 - 1902  
CLARK, Marshall 10 Sept 1825 - 14 Aug 1897 \* s/o John and Margaret (BONNETT)  
CLARK  
Matilda 11 Dec 1826 - 5 Aug 1905 \* d/o Charles WEST  
Louisa Jane dau. 12 Apr 1863 - 12 March 1881  
HOOVER, Mary J. w/o J.M. d 15 May 1880 aged 24-10-10  
WAREN, Rev. W. S. 14 April 1817 - 7 Feb 1888 aged 70-9-23  
Elizabeth P. w/o Rev. W. S. 7 Nov 1822 - 22 Dec 1911  
LINGER, Rev. A. M. 1846 - 19  
Henrietta C. w/o Rev. A.M. 24 Oct 1849 - 9 May 1869  
Annie T. his wife 1849 - 1921  
LINGER, Children of G. R. & N. E.  
Hattie d. 8 Feb 1881 aged 0-11-1  
Phillip Mc d 11 May 1866 1-1-3  
Annie M. d. 21 April 1862  
Sherman R. d. 11 April 1861 aged 0-9-19  
Mandy d. 12 Jan 1880 aged 10-7-2

Mt. Gilead Cemetery - Cont.

WHITSEL (illegible, appears to be Bachha) d. 8 Aug 1850 aged 58-11-28  
PETERSON, John W. s/o J.L. & H. d. 28 Mar 1853 aged 7 dys  
PETERSON, Margaret d. 18 Aug 1855 age 60  
PETERSON, Charles W. s/o J.M. & M.J. 18 June 1850 aged 1-5-16  
PETERSON, Marshal H. s/o J.L. & S. d. 8 April 1858 age 14  
PETERSON, Mary J. d/o J.L. & M. A. 1 Aug 1852 age 2  
PETERSON, Sarah E. d/o J.L. & M.A. d. 28 Aug 1871 age 12  
William s/o J.L. & M.A. d. 27 Aug 1871 age 10  
CLARK, Children of M. & M. (Marshall & Matilda)  
infant d. 21 Sept 1871  
Franklin P. b. 12 Nov 1853 - 13 May 1855  
Levi M. 17 June 1851 - 12 May 1855  
Edmond d. 1861  
Nathan L. 29 Oct 1861 aged 3-1-16  
Harriet N. 7 Oct 1865 aged 2-11-5  
CLARK, Margaret (no date)  
SMITH, Samuel R. 1838 -1926  
Ellen T. 1843 - 1920  
son Ralston d. 14 Jan 1885 aged 12-7-8  
LINGER, Oda R. 1903 -  
Ettie F. 1902 - 1977  
LINGER, James A. 1889 - 19  
Edna P. 1886 - 1969  
WILLIAMSON, Winnie 1895 - 1979  
CLARK, John 25 Oct 1799 - Sept 1884 aged 84-11-0 \* s/o William & Barbara  
(HELMICK) CLARK  
Margaret his wife 9 March 1805 - Sept 1883 aged 78 y 6 m \* d/o Lewis  
and Mary "Polly" (LINGER) BONNETT  
Next stone is sandstone and inscription is illegible  
SPAUR, Hezekiah d. 28 April 1877 aged 69-1-27 \* s/o Anthony and Magdelina  
(ROHREBOUGH) SPAUR  
HARRIS, Margaret wo David H. d. 11 April 1828 - 9 Dec 1899  
LINGER, Philip M. 1797 - 1877 \* s/o Nicholas I and Margaret (MC NEMAR) LINGER  
Sarah his wife 1797 - 1880 \* Sarah CUTRIGHT  
HARDMAN, David 1829 - 1860  
Harriet 1837 - 1861  
Martha A. 1860 - 1861  
ROACH, Edwin B. 1847 - 1884 father  
Julia E. 1846 - 1903 mother  
Bertha E. 1878 - 1951  
Susan H. d/o E.B. & E. 27 March 1878 - 8 July 1898  
Nancy 1872 - 1886 sister  
infant s/o E.B. & J.C. 1869  
Francis H. s/o J.R. & A. D. 8 Nov 1883 aged 22-8-23  
MYERS, Mary T. d. 1 April 1887

Mount Gilead Cemetery - Cont.

CHIDESTER, W. V. 1 Jan 1826 - 11 Jan 1912 \* Wellington V. s/o Phineas W.  
Mary w/o W. Va. d. 22 April 1893 aged 61-7-1  
children of:

Mollie d. 9 Feb 1874 aged 6-3-24  
Clinton L. d. 23 May 1873 aged 17-9-26  
Ida May d. 28 Sept 1878 aged 9-2-24  
infant d. 11 April 1869  
infant d. 3 April 1870  
Wellington d. 28 Dec 1871 aged 0-2-12

Mary V. 2nd w/o W.V. 6 March 1853 - 17 Sept 1896  
Annie Pearl d/o W.V. & M.V. 19 May 1896 - 24 July 1926  
MC CRAY, infant s/o A.J. & F. F. 6 Oct 1889  
RITTENHOUSE, Wade H. 1879 - 1932  
Emma 1890- 1959

RITTENHOUSE, Samuel O. 29 March 1850 - 28 March 1921  
Sarah J. w/o S.O. 1853 - 1929

LINGER, William G. (or C.) d. 11 March 1894 aged 74-10-22 \* s/o Phillip M.  
and Sarah (CUTRIGHT) LINGER

STALNAKER, James W. 1892 - 1978 \* James William s/o James Whitman Hanson &  
Mary Matilda (ROACH) STALNAKER

Hattie L. 1897 - 19 \* d/o Wm. N. & Nannie L. (JOHNSON) JOHNSON  
STALNAKER, James H. 1850 - 1916 \* s/o Bailey & Mary P. (STALNAKER) STALNAKER  
Mary N. 1864 - 1933 \* Mary Martha, d/o Dr. J.R. & Ann O. (FLESHER) ROACH  
son Meigs B. 25 May 1889 - 28 Sept 1905  
children of J.H. & Mary M.  
Sallie 2 April 1900 - 13 Jan 1902  
Julia M. b. & d. 13 Aug 1891

LINGER, Olevia E. 1901 - 1973 \* b. 20 Sept 1901 d. 1973, d/o Edgar B. and  
Sallie (ROACH) LINGER

Virginia M. 1925 -

SMITH, Zeletus 8 Aug 1910 - 31 March 1936

LINGER, Worth 1893 - 1975 \* s/o William Newton & Camellia Frances (McCUE) LINGER  
Mary A. 1895 - 1967 \* d/o James W.H. & Mary (ROACH) STALNAKER

LINGER, George N. 1873 - 1957  
Mary H. 1869 - 1932

LINGER, Orvie F. 7 Sept 1899 - 4 Oct 1939

STALNAKER, Orland B. 1887 - 1975 \* s/o Charles B. & Martha (ROACH) STALNAKER  
Delilah E. 1893 - 1954 - \* MOSS  
son Dena 1917 - 1918

ROBINSON, Walter S. 1888 - 1948

Reta W. 1892 - 19 \* d/o Noah and Naomi (SIMONS) WINEMILLER  
ROBINSON, Hayward 1920 - 1924 \* s/o Walter S. and Reta (WINEMILLER) ROBINSON  
LINGER, Eli T. 21 Jan 1886 - 11 May 1964  
Bertha E. 11 June 1888 - 30 Nov 1971

Mount Gildead Cemetery - Cont.

MYERS, Paul 1914 - 1978  
 STALNAKER, Ernest 1904 - 1979  
 STALNAKER, Frank R. 1892 - 19 \* Frank Roach STALNAKER  
     Sallie C. 1896 - 1962 \* Sallie COCHRAN  
 STALNAKER, Anna Mavis 1923 - 1948  
 STALNAKER, Sanford S. 1875 - 1930 \* s/o Minter Sr. & Eliza (ALKIRE) STALNAKER  
     Prudie his wife 1878 - 19  
 HEFLIN, Mary E. w/o M. L. Stalnaker 1898 - 1953  
 STALNAKER, Lloyd W. Va. Pvt. 153 Depot Brig. 18 July 1950  
 STALNAKER, Minter L. Sr. 1852 - 1939  
     Imogene H. 1860 - 1939

Laurel Lick Cemetery

This cemetery is located on Laurel Lick Run, a branch of Hackers Creek in the northeast section of Lewis County, W. Va. It is 1.9 miles upstream from the village of Berlin. At about 1 mile distance, the cemetery can be seen to the right upon a knoll. One must travel 0.3 miles further and turn right onto Duncan Road and then the next road right leads to the location. The cemetery is well fenced and kept in excellent condition. Inscriptions copied 24 Dec 1982 by Hartzel G. STRADER. Additional information in parenthesis on those interred have been supplied by Mrs. Mildred PRINGLE, who lives on Laurel Lick Run.

Row 1

DUNCAN, G. W. b. 8 Sept 1818, d. 17 July 1909 (great uncle of Oscar DUNCAN)  
     Mary J. b. 29 Dec 1836, no death date, his wife  
     (two daus., Alice & Bertha buried here - both never married)  
 WARNER, Mary b. 10 Sept 1846, d. 4 Sept 1907, w/o W. D.  
     W. D., b. 31 Aug 1837, d. 23 June 1916 GAR  
 WARNER, Nettie J. b. 1878, d. 1929  
 WAGGONER, Lydia b. 11 July 1866, d. 9 Sept 1938  
     3 sandstone w/o initials  
 HINZMAN, Almira d. 20 Feb 1898 aged 59y9m28d  
     William M. b. 8 Aug 1838, d. 12 Apr 1899 (William Marcellius)  
     (no stones for 2 daus. Stella (HINZMAN) CLARK & Myrtle (HINZMAN) OLDAKER  
     and also 2 infant sons)  
     Sandstone without initials  
 BEESON, Laura & son b. 1899, d. 1916 (LB and HB)  
     (the next three spaces to the south fence are of Jesse LAWSON and his 2 wives  
     one wife's name likely Melissa Belle)

Laurel Mick Cemetery -- Cont.

Row 2

MORRISON, Martha Jane b. 5 Sept 1890 , d. 4 Jan 1905  
3 sandstones w/o initials (daughters of Thomas & Nancy (TAYLOR) MORRISON)  
Sandstone (Bertha DUNCAN)  
WARNER, Mary E. b. 5 Oct 1860, d. 22 May 1874 d/o W.D. & L.J.  
Lucy J. b. 10 Jan 1838, d. 6 Dec 1872 w/o W. D.  
BORAM, P.S. b. 1872, d. 1873, son & daughter  
A.M. b 1884, d 1887 of E.M. & A. R.  
BORAM, Anna b. 1821, d. 1901  
BOYCE, A. Claudie  
Maude no dates (bros. & sister - children of Charles & May (RINEHART) BOYCE)

Row 3

SWISHER, Margaret b. 22 Feb 1832, d. 2 Feb 1902, w/o P.G.  
SWISHER, Peter G. b. 28 Oct 1830, d. 7 Aug 1913, aged 82y9m10d  
HINZMAN, Amelia b. 26 Sept 1855, d. 23 March 1883, w/o W.W.  
10 sandstones without initials or dates  
FOX, Benjamin d. 30 Aug 1886, aged 55 yrs  
Ruhana b. 13 June 1834, no d. date (d/o Thomas & Deborah (STARCHER) HINZMAN  
HESS, Javen b. 12 May 1839, d. 13 Feb 1922 Civil War Vet  
HESS, Phebe C. b. 27 March 1856, d. 12 May 1932 (w/o Javen, maiden name BICE)  
BICE, Thomas b. 22 Jan 1833, d. 20 Jan 1901  
Mary, b. 4 Aug 1836, no death date (maiden name MICK)  
(Henry CRUMMITT And his 2 wives Jonnie BICE & Ellen BICE are buried here.)

Row 4

Several sandstones w/o initials (Jacob WAGGONER, wife Katie & ch. are in this row; also Benjamin ADKINS, 2nd h. of Katie WAGGONER.)  
PETERSON, Infant d. 10 Nov 1860 (child of Jasper & Martha (WAGGONER) PETERSON - a grandchild of Jacob WAGGONER)  
BORAM, Willie d. 3 Aug 1880, aged 9m12d d/o J.M. & B.D.  
MORRIS, Elizabeth b. 4 Mar 1858, d. 18 Sept 1940 (d/o Allen & Hannah MORRIS)  
MORRIS, Mollie Maud b. 3 June 1885, d. 18 July 1894 aged 9y1m15d (d/o Elizabeth)  
MORRIS, Allen J. b. 1830, d. 1913  
MORRIS, Hannah Lawson b. 1829, d. 1922  
GAIMER, William Clinton b. 31 July 1859, d. 2 Feb 1932  
HINZMAN, Abram b. 23 April 1827, d. 31 Jan 1897  
HINZMAN, Emma Meyers b. 21 Jan 1830, d. 10 Aug 1899  
Sandstone  
CLARK, Louara b. 1875, d. 1900 (d/o Dexter SMITH)  
BROUGHTON, Madge b. 1899, d. 1918 (d/o Louara)  
(baby boy BROUGHTON - s/o Harvey & Made (CLARK) BROUGHTON)  
(Infant son of Ira & Annrose (ALLMAN) SWISHER, also infant son of T.J. & Martha Jane (TAYLOR) CORATHERS)

Laurel Lick Cemetery - Cont.

Row 5

RADABAUGH, Calvin b. 11 Nov 1851, d. 20 June 1935  
RADABAUGH, Almira Hinzman b. 27 May 1860, d. 22 Feb 1941  
LEIGH, Lura Radabaugh b. 30 Dec 1884, d. 29 Oct 1933 (d/o Calvin & Almira)  
SMITH, Wade H. b. 6 Aug 1892, d. 20 Feb 1893 (s/o Geo. W. & Mary F. (CORATHERS)  
SMITH)  
CORATHERS, Henry B. b. 14 Feb 1829, d. 21 Aug 1898  
CORATHERS, Elizabeth Hinzman b. 19 Sept 1832, d. 12 Sept 1892 w/o H. B.  
HERSMAN, Dora b. 12 April 1867, d. 20 March 1893 w/o Charles E. (maiden name  
SWISHER) (Between Dora & fence are buried Isaac Marion  
HERSMAN & Dora A. d. 7 Nov 1881; John C. 3 Dec 1881; and  
2 more children d. 21 Nov 1881 Clara M. & Esta E. buried  
in same grave - ch. of Isaac HERSMAN who died in the  
Diphtheria Epidemic)

Sandstone

LOWTHER, Margaret A. b. 1854, d. 1897 w/o E. C. (w/o Elzie LOWTHER)

About 100 feet of what appears to be a vacant area separates the main section from two burial areas in the north section. The following are the graves in those areas:

Northwest corner:

MOSS, John C. b. 1932, d. 1933 (s/o Carl & Mobra (GAINER) MOSS)  
FLAHERTY, Ella Pringle b. 1900, d. 1929 w/o J. T. mother  
PRINGLE, Leota A. b. 30 July 1899, d. 9 Oct 1921 w/o R.F. (1st wife)  
Madison Jr. b. 26 Dec 1919, d. 28 Sept 1920 s/o R.F. & L.A.  
SIMS, A. C. b. 1875, d. 1947 (wife was Lizzie)  
DUNCAN, Lizzie b. 1874, d. 1969 (w/o Oscar DUNCAN)

Northeast corner:

FRANCIS, (babies no other name or dates)  
(LOWTHER baby son of Edward LOWTHER)  
LOWTHER, Katie Iren b. 1879, d. 1930 w/o A. J. GAINES

Jacob WAGGONER Owned the farm where Laurel Lick Cemetery is located. He started burying his infant children there, later neighbors buried there. In November 23, 1906, Francis & Prudy TAYLOR deeded the cemetery to the trustees of The Laurel Lick Church, and they also deeded more ground than was then in use. Francis TAYLOR bought the farm in 1906 of the Jacob WAGGONER heirs. Trustees were T. J. CORATHERS, F.M. BORAM & E.E. TAYLOR. Francis Taylor now owns the farm.

Peterson Cemetery

South of Jane Lew on I-79 about 1-1½ miles. It is just a short distance past the Richs property. It lies on the hill to the right, several feet up the road bank. It is fenced in and very grown up. It is also one of five (5) different Peterson cemeteries in Lewis County. Surveyed by Roberta R. Hefner, her husband Jack, their 16 year old daughter, and the daughter's boyfriend Kevin Rowan. Taken March 1983.

BATTEN, Persey b. 5 July 1866 d. 11 Sept 1877 ae 11ys 2ms 6ds s/o T. & K.  
PETERSON, Ralph b. 26 Sept 1873 d. 24 Sept 1875 ae 1y 11ms 29 ds s/o J. & M.O.  
PETERSON, Joseph b. 24 Dec 1848 d. 20 Sept 1876 ae 27 ys 9ms 28 ds s/o  
J.P. & Nancy  
PETERSON, John P. b. 17 Oct 1815 d. 14 Jan 1890 ae 74 ys 2ms 27 ds  
PETERSON, Nancy b. 3 Oct 1815 d. 4 Mar 1890 ae 74 ys 5ms 1d w/o John P.  
One other unreadable marker, in the space next to Nancy Peterson

Bailey Cemetery

Lightburn road from Jackson's Mill to Westfield. Take the first right turn off into Westfield. After rounding the first sharp curve, go just a few feet, turn left, off of the hard top road, into a barn yard. The cemetery lies in the field behind a hog pen. Reading by Roberta R. Hefner and Worthy E. Straley - March 1983.

HALL, Edward H. b. 13 May 1841 d. 16 Nov 1862 First Lieut. Co. D 15th W. Va.  
Inf. In Cumberland, Md., in the service of his country.  
Aged 21 ys 6ms 3ds  
BAILEY, Minter J. b. 12 June 1857 d. 17 Sept 1882 aged 25 ys 3ms 5 ds  
HALL, Richard b. 1786 d. 1855  
Polly b. 1791 d. 1854 w/o Richard  
HALL, Alvin b. 7 Mar 1857 d. 15 Mar 1857 s/o J.W. & S.R.  
HALL, Adelaide d. 21 Jan 1863 6ms old d/o J.W. & S.R.  
BAILEY, Thomas A. b. 17 Aug 1845 d. 19 Nov 1863 Co. G 101 Inf. Aged  
18 ys 3ms 2ds  
(2 oblong footstones with no headstones, reading: J.B.M. & M.M.)

Other Cemeteries

Other cemeteries which have been read and will be published in future editions: Snyder or Three Sisters Cemetery; William L. Smith Cemetery; Vandalia; four other family plots near Vandalia of PETERSON, FORINASH, MORRISON and another having GIBSON, McCOY and FLESHER; Louisa Jane Methodist Church on Little Skin Creek; Corathers Cemetery on Little Skin Creek; Mt. Olive Method Church on Wheeler Fork above Vandalia; Post Chapel Cemetery in Crawford; Taylor Chapel above Crawford; Long Point Cemetery in Walkersville; Morrison Cemetery on Crane Camp of Sammy Run; Rexroad Family - Simpson Chapel on (Cont. pagecd111)



Jackson County Historical Society

One of our members has commented, "Half of Hacker's Creek migrated to Jackson County." While that may be stretching the truth a little, it's not far wrong. Jackson County was a stopping off place for many of our people.

Consequently, we have started an exchange with the Jackson County Historical Society of newsletters. They publish a fine newsletter which contains lots and lots of interesting and exciting information.

Those interested in membership should contact Jackson County Historical Society, P.O. Box 22, Ripley, W. Va. 25271.

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Some Church Records in Harrison County

The trustees of Bethel Methodist Church of Good Hope are found in Deek Book 5, page 199, dated 14 Feb 1802, in transaction from John Elsworth to the trustees: John Elsworth, Tom Cunningham, Peter Lynch, Joseph Wilson, Jacob Bungardner, John Collins, David Bennett, William Carder and Joseph Castier.

In a transaction in Deed Book 12, page 135, dated 24 Aug 1814, between Edmond West and the trustees of Harmony Methodist Church of Hackers Creek, the following trustees are named: John Mitchell, William Sims, William Mitchell, Peter Hardman, Sam Jones, and Henry McWhorter.

Submitted by Benjamin Mitchell  
903 N. 14th St., Clarksburg, W. Va.

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QUERIES

1. I am searching for the ancestry of Elizabeth Edmunds Flesher born ca 1807 and married 5 Dec 1825 Lewis County to John Flesher. It appears that she is a sister to John Edmunds who married Hannah Straley and are maybe children of John and Elisabeth Edmunds. I would appreciate any help on verifying the aforementioned data and additional ancestry. Leonard Davis, Route 2, Box 390, Berkeley Springs, W. Va. 25411
2. Need info on Staats, Stauts, Steorts, Storts Family, particularly proving relationship of George Steorts (1769-1851) (husband of Eunice Bailey Stalnaker) to Father (?) Joseph Staats (1740-1826) who owned land adjacent to Henry Flesher and later moved to Knox Co., Ohio; Also to sister (?) Elizabeth Staats Flesher (Mrs. Adam) who d. 22 May 1869. She was m. in 1792. Linda Steorts Kaufman, 110 Ross St., Bridgeport, W. Va. 26330, ph 304-842-5953.

Queries - cont.

3. Seek info on William Howell (1748-1842) and wife Elizabeth Gray Goff (widow of Salathiel Goff). William reportedly operated a mill near Weston before removing to Meigs County, Oh., ca 1925. Mrs. O.E. Russell, 165 North Main St., London, Oh.
4. Interested in finding info on George Wm. Starkey and Elizabeth Corners. Starkey and his wife, also Jonathan Coburn and his wife, Mary Radcliff Coburn, lived at Peel Tree. Franklin W. Starkey, 424 Penn Ave., Sinking Spring, Pa. 19608